

Syria: Armed resistance against Israel is legal

DAMASCUS (Reuters) - Syrian Vice President Abdel-Halim Khaddam said yesterday that armed resistance against Israel was "a legitimate act" that should continue until Israel withdrew from all occupied Arab lands.

Khaddam said Syria, which hosts several Palestinian groups opposed to the Israeli-PLO peace deal and backs pro-Iranian organizations fighting Israeli forces in south Lebanon, has rejected calls to curb the resistance groups.

The Syrian leader, however, said his country will continue to work for the achievement of a "just and comprehensive" peace settlement.

"Resistance of occupation is a legitimate act which is endorsed by all international laws including the UN charter," Khaddam said in a speech during a meeting of the Arab Bar Association in Damascus.

"Those who are trying to turn the resistance of occupation into an accusation to charge others should realize that we regard those who are defending their dignity, and fighting to liberate their lands, as strugglers who deserve all praise," he said.

Carter expected in Sarajevo today

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) - Former US president Jimmy Carter brings his peace efforts to the former Yugoslavia today, despite widespread skepticism that he can help end the 20-month-old Bosnian conflict.

Officials in Zagreb, Croatia, headquarters of the UN mission to former Yugoslavia, said Carter was expected there this morning and would travel to Sarajevo later in the day.

A statement from the non-profit Carter Center in Atlanta said Carter decided to make the trip after "extensive discussions" with the White House and UN officials.

He is expected to meet with Yasushi Akashi, the UN chief for the former Yugoslavia, and Croatian President Franjo Tudjman. He is also expected to visit Bosnian Serb headquarters at Pale, outside Sarajevo, and Belgrade, the capital of Serbia.

Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic invited Carter to help restart peace talks. Carter successfully intervened this year to break deadlocks and resolve crises in Haiti and North Korea.

But White House Chief of Staff Leon Panetta, speaking on Cable News Network's *Evans and Novak*, questioned Carter's ability to resolve Bosnian issues "because they are very complicated and because we have seen that, frankly, the motives... involved here with the parties are always suspect."

The visit has also been questioned by Bosnian leaders. Serbia's powerful leader Slobodan Milosevic, and Russia, a traditional Serbian ally.

Carter said he will encourage the Bosnian Serbs to accept the peace plan.

"My purpose in traveling to the region is to seek ways to contribute to the cessation of hostilities and to encourage the acceptance of the contact group's plan as the basis for negotiations," he said.

The Serbs allowed two UN flights to land yesterday at Sarajevo's airport, which had been closed since November 21 after Serbs positioned anti-aircraft missiles nearby. Sources said one plane carried an advance team for Carter.



Two Russian soldiers bring a bundle of straw from a village to use as insulation on the ground near Sleptsovsk, on the Chechen border yesterday. The Kremlin's deadline for Chechen fighters to disarm expired at midnight local time, and there was no official reaction in Moscow to a last-minute offer of talks by the breakaway region's leader Dzhokhar Dudayev. A statement from the Russian government's temporary press center on Chechnya warned the leaders of Chechnya to ensure the evacuation of civilians from the north Caucasus region before the deadline expired. Russia said it would bomb Grozny if its leaders failed to bow to its demands to disarm. Story, Page 4.

Rabin returns to face Labor tug-of-war over future of stock market tax

SARAH HONIG

THE opposing sides in the Labor Party's stock market tax tug-of-war will try to pull Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin their way at this morning's cabinet session.

The meeting is expected to be crucial in determining the fate of the tax, even though it is not even on the agenda.

Rabin is due to chair the cabinet session shortly after he returns home from his trip to the Far East. During a stop in Tashkent, Uzbekistan last night, Rabin met with government leaders there.

The entire political arena is eager to see which way Rabin will finally lean on the issue that has been generating tension in Labor during Rabin's absence.

Meanwhile, Finance Minister Avraham Shohat has rejected all compromise notions, including Transport Minister Yisrael Kessar's proposal that the tax be given a one-year trial run.

"This is the stupidest and most dangerous

idea yet. A serious matter like this cannot be given a time limit. This would wreak havoc and cause confusion," Shohat said.

"This is too critical an issue for me to agree to any watered-down, face-saving formulations," he added. "A government must stand firm on its decisions and not run the country in a zig-zag fashion."

Rabin himself has given no indication of his own leanings and for a time went so far as to refuse calls to Japan from Shohat, who wanted him to announce where he stands. The tax has been judged a factor in Rabin's and Labor's decline in the polls. This has led a lobby within Labor, organized by Economics Minister Shimon Shetret, to demand the tax's repeal.

However, Shohat has amassed supporters of his own. As things stood last night, Shohat could count on 12 Labor MKs to back him,

while Shetret boasted nine MKs in his corner. Others have been waiting to see how Rabin deals with the issue before committing themselves.

However, it is believed in Labor that unless Rabin puts his full political weight behind abolishing the tax, the Shohat side will prevail.

Labor insiders believe the issue is significant in the MKs alignment, in anticipation of the new primaries for the next Knesset list. The party organization committee on Friday decided that a special session of the Labor convention must meet by March to decide on the precise format of the primaries, and to define who is a party member for the purpose of voting in the primaries.

Environment Minister Yoosi Sarid of Meretz yesterday called on Labor MKs to "try to pull together and stop the interminable internal squabbles. If this does not happen, we will all go down."

Bat Yam parents held on suspicion of murdering their 33-year-old daughter

AN elderly Bat Yam couple suspected of murdering their 33-year-old daughter had their remand extended by a week in Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court Friday.

Michael Weissman, 72, and his wife Miriam, 74, are suspected of killing Natalie Weissman-Margalit, 33, whose body was found Thursday morning in the home of her parents, where she lived with her 10-year-old daughter.

Police initially suspected she died of natural causes, but her mother agreed to have an autopsy performed on the body, which showed she had been murdered. The police presented classified evidence to the court connecting the parents to the murder.

Miriam Weissman told the court that on Wednesday night, she slept in her bedroom, her husband in the living room and Natalie in her own room.

"At about 2:30 a.m., Natalie called out 'Mother, mother,' I got up and asked her what was wrong. She told me she wanted to go to the bathroom, and that she couldn't get up. I went to the bathroom to get a bedpan for her to go in," she said.

When she came back to the bedroom, she said, she saw Natalie lying on the floor, blood flowing from her nose and cheeks. She put her on the bed and a half hour later, Natalie asked for some water, her mother said. "I brought her water, and she told me to go to bed. I stood next to her until she fell asleep and then left the room."

Miriam Weissman said she went back to look in on her daughter at about 5 a.m., and found her hands and head were cold. She then woke her husband and the two called an ambulance. A Magen David Adom crew declared her dead.

"She would make me tea ev-

ery night and ask how I was, and when I went to bed, she covered me with a blanket," she said tearfully about her daughter.

Neighbors drew a different picture of Natalie, however. "Natalie was an alcoholic and drug addict who hung out with seedy types," one neighbor said.

Weissman-Margalit was married briefly, and lived with her parents even after she got married. After getting divorced, she and her daughter continued to live with them.

In extending the couple's remand, Judge Nira Lidsky said information presented by the police indicated the victim was murdered, and that the parents were the most likely suspects for now.

Because of the couple's difficult financial circumstances, a lawyer was appointed for them. (Jm)

Kibbutz member suspected of murdering wife, Page 12

US helicopter downed over North Korea

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - The United States yesterday expressed "very serious concerns" to North Korea about the fate of two US Army helicopter pilots whose small OH-58 reconnaissance helicopter was forced down there.

"We have indicated very serious concerns to the North Koreans about the welfare of these pilots. We want them returned," said White House Chief of Staff Leon Panetta on CNN's *Evans & Novak* program following yesterday's incident.

North Korea said it shot down the helicopter and the pilots were being questioned. The Defense Department said it was

unclear whether the OH-58 was shot down or made an emergency landing.

The two pilots were identified by the Pentagon as Army Chief

Warrant Officers David Hilemon of Clarksville, Tennessee, and Bobby Hall of Brooksville, Florida.

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PA policeman shoots soldier in Gaza

JON IMMANUEL and Itim

AN IDF soldier was lightly wounded in the leg last night when a Palestinian policeman shot him at the IDF position at Sufa, in the southern part of the Gaza Strip.

According to initial reports, the policeman approached the checkpoint, said he was going to count to 10 and then begin shooting.

However he immediately started to fire his rifle, wounding the soldier, before he was shot and seriously wounded by other soldiers at the post, Israel Television reported. No other information on the attack was available.

On Friday, a gunman shot and wounded a reserve officer Friday as the officer was driving from his home in Psagot, just outside Ramallah, to Jerusalem.

Lt. Maimon Ben-David, 39, was moderately wounded in the attack, a kilometer from where soldier Shmuel Meiri was attacked in his car by a mob on Wednesday.

Several shots were fired at the car from close range. Ben-David was reported in fair to good condition in the orthopedic unit at Hadassah-University Hospital, Ein Kerem.

The Damascus-based Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine said in a statement from Damascus that it carried out the attack, Reuters reported.

The group said it would continue fighting "the enemy, until the Palestinian people achieve freedom and independence."

Psagot, situated on the very edge of Al-Bira, is accessible only through a narrow road through a Palestinian residential area.

On Wednesday the Al-Bira municipality said that it had received a notice that land would be confiscated to build a new road from Psagot that would avoid Arab-populated areas.

The curfew on Ramallah, which had just been lifted following the attack on Meiri, was reimposed.

Dozens of settlers demonstrated at the site of the shooting, where the road from Psagot meets the road to Jerusalem. They then went to downtown Ramallah during the curfew to demonstrate where Meiri had been attacked.

Windows of one local car were smashed, and soldiers removed the settlers from the square, declaring it a closed military area.

Five Fatah activists were arrested on suspicion of being involved in the attack on Meiri, according to Fatah members in Ramallah. Slogans painted on walls in the city condemned photographers the writers claimed were instrumental in leading to the suspects' arrests.

"The Fatah will get you, cowardly journalist," one slogan painted near the site of the attack on Meiri read.

Council of Jewish Settlements in Judea, Samaria and Gaza spokesman Aaron Domb said in response to the attack on Ben-David: "The Foreign Ministry's initiatives are scandalous, as regards the desire to remove the IDF from town centers.

Shots fired at White House

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - Gunshots were fired at the White House early yesterday without hitting President Bill Clinton's home. The shooting was the second time in less than eight weeks that bullets have landed on the White House grounds.

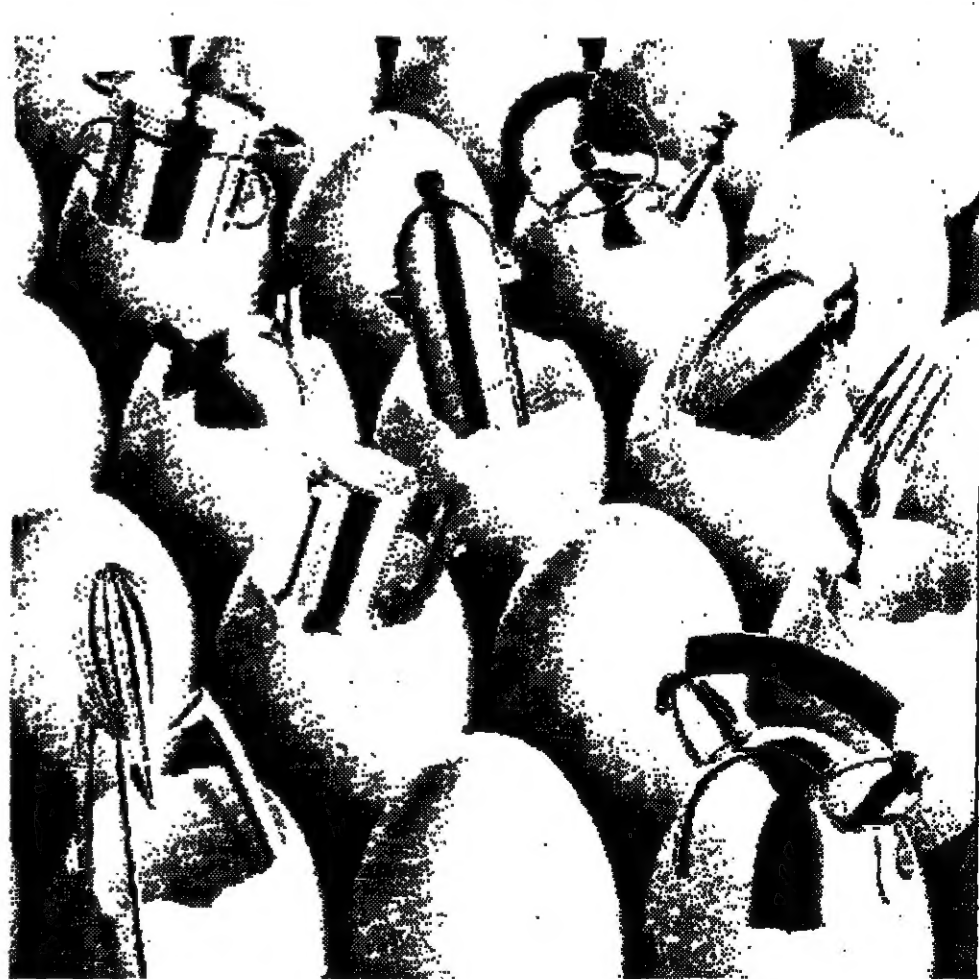
Secret Service agents and US Park Police officers reported hearing between four and six shots fired at about 2:05 a.m. lo-

cal time from an area at the rear of the White House.

"There were no injuries and no damage is evident," Secret Service spokesman Dave Adams said. Clinton, his wife, Hillary, and their daughter, Chelsea, were asleep during the shooting. Aides informed the president about the incident when they woke him up to make sure he was all right.

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Rabin: Earlier talks with N. Korea over missiles were 'major mistake'

SEOUL (AP) — Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin admitted Friday that Israel held talks with North Korea in Beijing last year in an attempt to persuade North Korea to stop missile sales.

He said the talks were a "major mistake" because Pyongyang, instead of trying to solve the problem, tried to "fool" Israel.

Rabin did not elaborate, but reports have said that during the talks North Korea demanded \$1 billion in exchange for stopping arms exports to the Middle East.

Rabin said Iran has spent "hundreds of millions of dollars" to help North Korea build missiles with a longer range that will

be able to reach Israel from Iran and several other hostile nations.

For the second day in a row, Rabin denounced North Korea's missile sales in the Middle East and urged the international community to intervene.

Rabin said that shorter-range Scud C missiles, launchers and the technology to produce them that were sold by North Korea to Syria and Iran, threaten peace in the Middle East. He said North Korean missiles, which lack accuracy, can endanger civilian populations.

"I hope the international community will be able to cope with this unreasonable, dangerous

act," Rabin told a news conference. He made a similar appeal Thursday after meeting South Korean President Kim Young-sam.

North Korea has denied that it is selling its Rodong missiles to Syria and Iran.

Rabin, the first Israeli prime minister to visit South Korea, was here for four days of talks that mainly concern bilateral economic relations.

Rabin canceled a planned visit to the Korean border village of Panmunjom Friday because of bad weather and instead met President Kim over breakfast.

Rabin also met with South Ko-

rean defense minister Rhee Byong-ae. Sidestepping a reporter's question on whether arms sales were discussed, he said he invited Rhee to visit Israel for further talks on military cooperation.

Israeli officials have hinted at possible arms sales and cooperation. Several Israeli arms company officials were accompanying Rabin.

Rabin emphasized closer relations and cooperation between Jerusalem and Seoul in all fields.

"I believe that even though we are on the two far sides of Asia, there are many issues that are common for both of us," he said.



During a visit Friday to Rambam Hospital, Chief of Staff Lt.-Gen. Ehud Barak chats with a soldier wounded in Lebanon. (IDF Spokesman)

US report points accusing finger at Iran's envoy in Amman for funding of extremists

WASHINGTON — Evidence indicates that Iran might be funding Hamas and Islamic Jihad through the Iranian ambassador in Jordan, according to a US congressional report released Thursday.

The authors of the Congressional Research Service report, Middle East experts Clyde Mark and Kenneth Katzman, citing mostly public sources, said Iran was the most vocal governmental sponsor of the Palestinian Islamic groups opposing compromise with Israel.

It said Israeli sources reportedly estimated Hamas's total annual budget to be about \$30 million, and cited press reports as saying that one-third to 40 percent might come from private fund-raising in Britain and the United States.

News agencies

The report said hard evidence of Iranian military training for the Islamic militants was lacking.

But it said: "It is increasingly clear that Iran provides funding to the Islamic Palestinian groups, although the funding levels are not precisely known."

In 1993, the report said, Iran appointed as ambassador to Jordan Ahmad Dastmalchian, who had previously served as ambassador to Lebanon, where he had helped funnel Iranian assistance to the Hizbullah.

Jordan had reportedly hesitated to accept Dastmalchian's appointment in Amman because of concerns he would seek to back Islamic extremists, and in Janu-

ary 1994 demanded the embassy cut its staff to nine from 40. Dastmalchian stayed.

"Based on Dastmalchian's background and the circumstances of his appointment in Amman, it is possible that he might aid Hamas, through Iran's embassy there, if assertions of Iranian aid to Hamas are true," the report said.

Iran and Hamas yesterday denied Teheran is channeling funds to Palestinian Moslem groups through the Iranian Embassy in Jordan.

Asked to comment on the congressional report, Ibrahim Ghosh, a Jordan-based spokesman for Hamas, said: "This is a base-

less report aimed at damaging our reputation and we reject it."

Said Bateni, a third secretary at the Iranian Embassy here, said: "This is a baseless report aimed at distorting our image worldwide."

The report further stated that "Hamas receives funding from a wide range of sources, and it is not necessarily beholden to Iran as the sole benefactor."

It said there was "some circumstantial evidence to suggest that Jordan unwittingly or reluctantly is hosting a potential Iranian conduit to Hamas."

In Amman, a government spokesman said yesterday that Jordan was "carefully investigating" the claims.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Man killed in tractor accident

Victor Salhof, 36, of Moshav Hatzav, was killed on Friday when the tractor he was driving through sand dunes overturned. Salhof and a few friends were on a pleasure ride on the Nitzanim sand dunes when he lost control of the vehicle and crashed into a large boulder. As a result of the impact, he was thrown from the tractor and smashed his head.

Two held for pulling knives on police

Knife-wielding Palestinians attacked policemen in two separate incidents in eastern Jerusalem over the weekend, but were detained without anyone being hurt, police said.

On Friday, a 20-year-old Ramallah woman stabbed a border policeman stationed near Orient House. The kitchen knife, however, was deflected by the policeman's protective vest. The woman, imprisoned for a similar offense in 1990, which she had blamed on "family problems," told investigators Friday that she carried out this attack "to protest the occupation," the police spokesman said.

Yesterday, a Palestinian youth was detained near the Old City when he pulled a knife on a policeman. The 15-year-old told investigators he wanted to be arrested because his father beats him, the police spokesman said.

US Jews boost Golan campaign

DAVID RUDGE

AMERICAN Jewish communities are helping to finance the campaign of the Golan Heights Residents Committee to keep the region under Israeli rule.

A three-member committee delegation recently returned from a lengthy visit to the US with a promise of financial backing. "We raised substantial sums during our visit, and we received pledges of further financial support, with which we are very happy, especially as the fund-raising matter was a side issue," said Marla van Meter, a member of the delegation.

"Our main reason for going was to disseminate information regarding the Golan, and to make the American Jewish public aware of the issue," said van Meter, a member of Kibbutz Afik.

She said the money would help the committee go ahead with plans to launch a public relations campaign, during which residents of the Golan intend to visit cities, towns and villages throughout the country.

12,000 attend 7th anniversary Hamas rally

JON IMMANUEL

A THREE-HOUR rally by Hamas on Friday marking its seventh anniversary avoided provocative statements against the Palestinian Authority, but behind the scenes a row was brewing between the PA and Hamas over the investigation of last month's killings outside a mosque.

The rally at the Yarmuk soccer stadium in downtown Gaza City attracted some 12,000 people, far fewer than the 80,000 expected by the organizers.

Barred from carrying and firing weapons, some supporters carried unloaded weapons accompanied by recordings of gunfire, during what has now become a standard performance reenacting the kidnapping of Sgt. Nahshon Wachsmann. They burned Israeli and US flags and an effigy of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

A banner at the entrance to the soccer stadium showed a member of Izzadin Kassam, the armed wing of Hamas, emerging from an exploding grenade with the words, "We count the gates of paradise with the skulls of Jews."

Sheikh Ahmed Bahr, head of the Islamic Society, said the infidelity "lasted seven years, but did not end until the establishment of the Palestinian Authority," indicating recognition of the PA.

He said the PA emerged because "Rabin was afraid of the ghosts of Izzadin Kassam following him everywhere."

But Dr. Mahmoud Zahar, a Hamas spokesman, said the Islamic Resistance Movement felt it was being tricked by the PA, which has disclaimed involvement in the joint committee es-

tablished to investigate the November 18 riot at the Palestine Mosque.

The riot, in which Hamas says PA police killed 14 people, is being investigated by people saying they are only Fatah, not PA representatives, Zahar said.

Zahar told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday that Hamas will not sit on a committee which does not also represent the Palestinian Authority.

"We are finished with the committee. The PA wants to evade responsibility with a political trick and we are not going to play this game with them. Fatah did not shoot anybody at the mosque. It has no involvement," he said.

A PA official accused Hamas yesterday of trying to score political points by announcing at a public rally that it would pull out of reconciliation talks with the PLO.

Tayib Abdel-Rahim, the general secretary of PLO leader Yasser Arafat's office and a negotiator for his Fatah faction in the talks, said Hamas knew all along the terms of talks they entered into after the 14 were killed.

"When we went there to negotiate with them we were representatives of the Fatah movement. They knew this from the first. Their problem is with Fatah, whether they like it or not," Abdel-Rahim said.

"They should not try to gain a narrow public at the expense of the higher public interest," he added, referring to Zahar's statement.

Hamas offers Sa'adon's body to free prisoners

JON IMMANUEL and news agencies

HAMAS has offered to hand over the body of Ilan Sa'adon in exchange for the release of several prisoners held in Israeli jails.

Abd Rabbo Abu Khoussa of Hamas' military wing, Izzadin Kassam, called the Sa'adon family lawyer, Amir Avrahami, and made the offer yesterday, the attorney told Israel Television.

However, Sa'adon's sister, Mazal Huta, said she didn't believe Abu Khoussa. "They're all cruel people trying to torture our family. They know [Prime Minister Yitzhak] Rabin won't free the people he demanded," she said.

Abu Khoussa, who trains Kassam gunmen in Gaza, is believed to have been involved in Sa'adon's kidnapping and is wanted by Israel. But the TV report quoted Israeli security officials as saying it was doubtful Abu Khoussa knew where the soldier was buried.

Avrahami said he didn't dismiss the call entirely.

"The fact that he got in touch on his own, in a conversation in Arabic that lasted nearly an hour...indicates that there is a process of momentum of which we can

make use of in the future in order to find Ilan," the lawyer told ITV.

Abu Khoussa said that in a day or two, he would send a fax to Avrahami with a list of the prisoners the group wants released.

Huta and Sa'adon's mother said they opposed freeing Hamas prisoners involved in attacks on Israelis.

"This cruel organization already once asked for the release of [Mustafa] Dirani and [Sheikh Abdel Karim] Obeid for my brother Ilan's body. Rabin didn't agree, and will not agree [this time]. They see how the government does not release Hizbullah men. This is just a way of torturing us. They have no heart or conscience," Huta said.

The offer came after Yassin, the jailed spiritual leader of Hamas, asked his followers earlier this month to reveal where Sa'adon is buried.

Sa'adon disappeared in 1989. Israel presumes he was kidnapped by Hamas and killed. Israel in the past has refused to release prisoners in exchange for his body.

Arafat proposes gradual withdrawal

Jerusalem Post Staff and news agencies

PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat has proposed a gradual withdrawal of IDF forces from Judea and Samaria, beginning in cities with no Jewish settlers, Israeli and Palestinian officials said on Friday.

The proposal calls for the IDF to withdraw initially from Jenin and Bethlehem.

The officials said he made the proposal during talks this week with Foreign Minister Shimon Peres in Stockholm. Peres said Israel would consider the matter.

The withdrawal would be followed by negotiations for a redeployment throughout Judea and Samaria, and for Palestinian elections, initially scheduled for last July but delayed due to Israeli concern for the security of settlers.

PLO negotiators meeting with Israelis in Cairo for the past two weeks have categorically rejected elections amid any sign of Israeli army presence.

Settler leaders vehemently rejected the idea, particularly the proposed withdrawal from Bethlehem, given the town's proximity to Jerusalem, and the fact that the main road from Jerusalem to Gush Etzion and Hebron passes through it.

Driver hit by rock in Shabbat protest

BILL HUTMAN

A DRIVER protesting an illegal Shabbat road closing by haredim in Jerusalem was hit by a rock and lightly wounded Friday, during a confrontation between protesters and haredim.

Hundreds of haredim used debris to close Rehov Shmuel Hanavi between Rehov Bar-Ilan and Rehov Yehezkel. The haredim threw stones and blocks at cars that tried to pass.

Police stood aside, as protesters moved the debris and began driving on Shmuel Hanavi, which is supposed to remain open on Shabbat, witnesses said.

The protesters were met by a hail of stones and blocks, which damaged three vehicles and hurt a driver, a Meretz activist who was hospitalized with a light head wound.

"The municipality and the police just look the other way as the haredim force their designs on the city," said Meretz city councilor Ornan Yekutieli, a protest organizer.

He charged police refused to keep dozens of angry haredim from interfering with the treatment by Magen David Adom medics of the wounded activist.

The MDA spokesman confirmed that the medics complained police had not kept the haredim back and made them move. The police spokesman, however, denied this.

One dead, five hurt on roads

A MAN was killed and five people were injured in road accidents over the weekend.

In Netanya, a 70-year-old man was hit and killed Friday while he was crossing the street.

Yesterday afternoon, five members of a family were injured when their car skidded and crashed into a cement median on the Jerusalem-Ma'aleh Adumim road.

A seven-year-old boy suffered serious head injuries, and the driver and his wife sustained light injuries. Police said the accident was the result of speeding.

A Holon man was sentenced to a year in prison on Friday by Tel Aviv Traffic Court for causing an accident because he was driving drunk.

The court also suspended his driver's license for eight years.

Yuri Kakha, 31, was driving last July in Holon when he lost control of his car and crashed into an oncoming car. The passengers suffered light injuries. A blood test found that he was driving while intoxicated. (Itim)

Army can't absorb every new immigrant

ALON PINKAS

THE size of the IDF, its structure and its long-term manpower planning are such that it now has too many soldiers, which is why 20,000 new olim were rejected for "Shlav Bet" training, army sources said yesterday.

"The cost of training 20,000 new immigrants, all over 25, is expensive, especially if the chances of them being used as soldiers are slim. The army is even thinking twice before conscripting eligible 18-year-olds with serious health problems or potential disciplinary problems," a Manpower Branch source said last week.

"But since the IDF is aware of the social and future employment implications of turning down or rejecting an 18-year-old, many of them are eventually inducted. That does not apply to a 32-year-old engineer, doctor or truck

driver who should not have problems finding a job just because they did not serve in the army," the source said.

MK Silvan Shalom (Likud) yesterday said that the army's rejection of 20,000 olim is unfair since it affects their social status and chances of employment.

"Someone goes and asks for a job, and after being asked, says that he was not in the army. The potential employer is undoubtedly influenced by that," he said in a radio interview.

The Manpower Branch source added that those the army defines as possessing usable skills are recruited. He admitted that there are social ramifications for being rejected and conceded that as long as the army is considered a socio-cultural phase in the life of Israeli citizens, it may be difficult for those who want to serve but are turned down.

Soldier lightly injured by grenade

AN IDF soldier was lightly injured yesterday when an army-issue stun grenade he was carrying in his duffel bag exploded.

Shai Morgan of Petah Tikva was treated by Magen David Adom medics and brought to Beilinson Hospital. Military Police are investigating the incident. (Itim)

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With great sorrow we announce the death
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The funeral will take place today, Sunday,
Tevet 15, 5755, December 18, 1994 at 2 p.m.
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Wife: Batya Cohen
Daughter: Shulamit Sela and Family
Son: Yonatan Cohen and Family

With great sorrow we announce
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HOWARD L. AGRONIN הורד

The funeral will be held today, Sunday, December 18,
at 1:30 p.m. at Netanya Cemetery, Shikun Vatikim.

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Erez, Asriel, Daitl
Daughter: Shirley and Avi Manzur
Avital, Daniel, Yael, Azrit.

Mandela says mess of apartheid still grips South Africa

BLOEMFONTEIN (Reuters) - President Nelson Mandela challenged his ruling African National Congress (ANC) yesterday to find a program for equality for the masses to end the "mess of apartheid" inherited last April.

"South Africa has undergone its most fundamental political transformation in centuries," he said in a speech opening the first congress of the ANC since it won the historic all-race elections in April.

"But socio-economic problems arising from colonial domination remain as stark as they were under apartheid," he said.

"To refer to the five million unemployed, the seven million without real housing and the millions who are illiterate, is to state the obvious, yet daunting challenges," he told about 3,000 delegates meeting in the Orange Free State capital of Bloemfontein.

Delegates said fierce debate was expected over accusations that the party leadership had moved too slowly in improving the quality of life of blacks, partly to avoid alienating whites.

Diplomats at the congress said the ANC leadership would have to address the perception. "Delivery is urgent for Mandela and his colleagues," one said.

The president said his government's achievements included feeding schemes and education for children, land restitution programmes and free medical care for pregnant women.

"What is needed is a practical programme to bring about equity for the masses of the people, not

just resolutions and representation in leadership structures, important as they may be...

"In as much as we succeeded in mobilising the people for the victory we have scored, we have today the responsibility to mobilise them to become active participants in improving their quality of life," Mandela said.

He said his government had inherited corrupt administrators, crime, and rent and service boycotts by blacks aimed at bringing down white rule.

"This is the mess of apartheid we have inherited. Yet, as we stated on countless occasions, to lament... does not help eradicate it. We must get down to work to build a better life for all," he said.

The congress was held under tight security at Bloemfontein university. Delegates were expected to form 11 commissions to discuss the future of education, land restitution, the housing backlog and the economy.

The Johannesburg *Weekend Star* said in an editorial yesterday that debate over whether the government had tried to satisfy whites at the expense of delivering a better life for blacks "could see South African politics headed down a dangerously blind alley".

"What should be focused on is - has the organization taken policy steps adequate to the task of reconstructing and developing South Africa?"

The congress will elect officials to six senior positions and will choose more than 50 members of the policy-making national executive committee.

Court rejects request for Islamic opinion on Mahfouz

HAEKSTEP, Egypt (AP) - A military court trying Moslem radicals charged with attempting to murder Egyptian novelist Naguib Mahfouz rejected a request yesterday for a religious opinion on the novel that inspired the attack.

The request by attorney Mamdouh Ismail was put forward on the first day of testimony in the trial of 16 defendants charged in the Oct. 14 attack on the winner of the 1988 Nobel Laureate.

Mahfouz, who is still recovering from multiple stab wounds in the neck, did not attend the session.

Ismail asked the court to allow scholars from the Al-Azhar seminary, the highest Islamic authority in the land, appear as expert witnesses on the 1959 novel *Children of Gabaia*.

Al-Azhar banned the book the same year it was published because its portrayal of God and the prophets as fictional characters was deemed to be sacrilegious.

Since the attack on the writer, a leftist newspaper has republished the book in defiance of the ban.

Ismail said a religious opinion was needed on the novel because he said it was responsible for the attack.

But judge Ahmed Abdallah, president of the three-man court, dismissed the request after other defense attorneys dissented.

Apparently fearful discussion of the novel as inspiration for the attack would imply their clients' guilt, those attorneys said the court was not the proper venue for such a religious debate.

'Time' Man of the Year: The Pope

NEW YORK - Pope John Paul II has been named *Time* magazine's 1994 "Man of the Year" for his moral certainty and his success in reaching the masses with his message.

"In a year when so many people lamented the decline in moral values or made excuses for bad behavior, Pope John Paul II forcefully set forth his vision of the good life and urged the world to follow it," the magazine wrote. "For such rectitude - or recklessness, as his detractors would have it -

he is Time's Man of the Year."

As evidence of the pope's influence, *Time* noted his best-selling book, *Crossing the Threshold of Hope*; his extensive travels, curbed recently due to ill-health; and his intervention in the United Nations' International Conference on Population and Development, where his emissaries defeated a US-backed proposition that the pope feared would encourage abortions.

(AP)

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Washington Park Police officers carry out a search of the grounds of the Ellipse behind the White House yesterday. (Reuters)

White House becomes target for more shooting

NANCY BENAC
WASHINGTON

GUNSHOTS were fired at the White House yesterday and at least one round landed on the ground near the rear of the building, the third security threat at the presidential residence since September.

President Clinton was asleep upstairs at the time and "was never in any danger," the Secret Service said.

Agents said the incident occurred about 2:05 a.m. and that witnesses reported hearing four to six shots fired from the grassy Ellipse behind the White House. No suspect was in custody and no one was injured, agents said.

Yesterday's shooting was the third major White House security threat in recent months. Less than two months ago a gunman sprayed rifle fire through the White House fence, and in September a small plane crashed-landed on the grounds.

Secret Service spokesman Carl Meyer cautioned that it was too early to tell if the White House was the intended target of the shooter, saying, "It's going to take awhile to sort through what the witnesses are saying."

The one bullet that has been recovered landed on the ground near the South Portico of the White House, said another spokesman, Eric Harnischfeger.

"It doesn't appear to have impacted the building as it ran out of gas before it got there," said Meyer. The bullet appeared to have come from a handgun of some sort, something in the 9mm range, he said.

In the earlier shooting, another gunman, Francisco Martin Duran of Colorado, sprayed rifle bullets

on the building's front. He has been charged with attempting to assassinate Clinton and is awaiting trial. Jury selection is scheduled to begin March 16.

At the time of yesterday's incident, the Clintons were asleep in the upstairs living quarters of the White House and were not immediately disturbed, agents said.

"They were never in any danger," Harnischfeger said.

White House spokesman Arthur Jones said the president subsequently had been informed of the incident but could provide no details on who spoke with him or the president's reaction.

The president went ahead with plans to travel to the Virginia suburbs this morning to deliver his weekly radio address from a com-

munity college, but his motorcade did depart from the front drive rather than the rear as is customary. As he left, he declined to answer reporters' questions about whether he heard the gunshots and whether he felt safe.

Yellow police tape was strung around the White House rear grounds and the adjacent Ellipse park area, blocking access to the annual "Pageant of Peace" display, featuring the National Christmas Tree at the center. Mounted police clad in orange rain slickers cordoned off the park area, but White House tours went ahead as usual.

The Secret Service was trying to get a description of the assailant from witnesses but so far "descriptions are so varied it's nothing workable," Meyer said.

Agents began a "crime scene search" at first light to look for additional bullets. (AP)

Shi'ite youths riot in Bahrain after arrest of preacher

MANAMA (AP) - Groups of young Shi'ite Moslems yesterday tossed stones at police squads deployed to contain continuing unrest spurred by the arrest of a favorite preacher.

The US Embassy, meanwhile, advised Americans to avoid densely populated areas such as the souk, where the first troubles were reported earlier in the week.

The focus yesterday was in the suburban area of Sanabis, about five km from the main road to the Meridien Hotel where Bahrain began hosting the Gulf Cooperation Council's annual conference.

Eyewitnesses reported tear gas fumes from a distance as the police drove back a number of young men who were trying to move out from the dispersed Shi'ite villages of Sanabis.

Two bystanders said stone-throwing youths Friday night lured a Pakistani policeman into chasing them down a narrow street, then killed him with a

boulder. The witnesses spoke on condition of anonymity.

Pakistanis make up a large percentage of the police force in a country where foreigners form half the 500,000-strong population.

There has been no official statement on the disturbances and no government comment on claims that dozens of ringleaders have been detained by police.

Diplomats said the demonstrators had inflicted some damage on government and private property and cars, and there have been some injuries.

More than half of the native Bahrain population is believed to be of the Shi'ite sect, while the ruling family is from Islam's Sunni Moslem sect.

Over most of the past week, groups of Shi'ites have been attempting to demonstrate for the release of Sheikh Ali Salman, a 28-year-old militant Shi'ite preacher, who was arrested earlier in the month. Demonstrations are forbidden.

Dwarfs refuse to kiss Snow White

LONDON (Reuters) - Two bashful dwarfs in a traditional British Christmas show have refused to kiss Snow White, forcing a rewrite of the script.

Two six-year-old boys playing dwarfs in a production of *Snow White* at a theatre in South Shields, in northeast England, refused point blank to kiss the 20-year-old star, Victoria Arbitrator.

"I didn't realise the prospect of giving me a peck would horrify them so much," she told reporters. "When they were told to kiss me, their little faces crumpled and they burst into tears."

Producer John Blackman said: "The dwarfs say they are lads and lads don't kiss ladies."

Productions of *Snow White*, a traditional favorite in the British pantomime season have been hit this year by a shortage of adult dwarfs. Theatrical agents have imported stand-ins from the Netherlands to make up the shortage.

The Second Television and Radio Authority

Tender for the Grant of a Radio Broadcast Concession

For the regions: Greater Jerusalem, Gush Dan, the Carmel and the Bay, the Sharon, the Galilee and the Golan, the Negev, Eilat.

a. By virtue of its authority under Section 38 of the Second Television and Radio Law 5750-1990 (the "Law"), the Second Television and Radio Authority (the "Authority") hereby publishes a tender for the grant of a radio broadcast concession in accordance with the Law.

b. Any person wishing to examine the tender documents, which are in Hebrew only, may do so, free of charge, at the offices of the Authority at 3 Kanfei Nesharim Street, Jerusalem, 2nd floor, from December 18, 1994, by prior coordination, by calling 02-510222 or 02-535153.

c. Those persons interested in participating in the tender may purchase the tender documents, in three copies as required, at the accounts administration office of the Authority, in exchange for a bank check in the sum of 10,000 (ten thousand) New Israeli Shekels plus Value Added Tax. Those persons purchasing the tender documents, and who submit a tender bid, should attach an additional bank check, in the sum of 35,000 (thirty-five thousand) New Israeli Shekels plus Value Added Tax, in order to complete the required payment for the purchase of the tender documents. These amounts shall, under no circumstances, be refunded.

d. Only those corporations meeting the requirements specified in Section 41(a) of the Law, in respect of whom the restrictions specified Section 41(c) of the Law do not apply, and who purchase the tender documents in the manner specified above, shall be eligible to participate in the tender.

e. Questions, requests for clarifications or comments concerning any discrepancies, inconsistencies, etc., in the documents, may be directed to the Authority's Deputy Managing Director of Radio, in writing only, and must be delivered in person or by registered mail to the offices of the Authority, by no later than January 8, 1995.

f. Participants in the tender must submit their bids, in accordance with the specifications provided in the tender, together with duly stamped bank guarantees for the performance of the obligations of the tender, as specified below, linked to the Consumer Price Index as of September 1, 1994, together with all other documents specified in the conditions of the tender.

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Bank Guarantee for the Eilat region: 200,000 (two hundred thousand) New Israeli Shekels.

g. The dates for submission of bids are as specified below, between the hours of 9:00 and 14:00:

For the regions: Greater Jerusalem, the Galilee and the Golan, the Negev, Eilat: on February 19, 1995

For the regions: Gush Dan, the Carmel and the Bay, the Sharon: on February 20, 1995.

Any bids not submitted in a timely manner will be rejected.

Participants in the tender shall submit their bids as aforesaid, by hand delivery, to the offices of the Authority at 3 Kanfei Nesharim Street, Givat Shaul, Jerusalem.

h. The Authority reserves the right to discuss the details of any bid with the applicant, to require clarification, in respect thereof and to require all applicants to amend or improve their bids, all in accordance with its discretion, whilst affording equal opportunity to each of them.

i. The Authority is not bound to accept any bids whatsoever.

j. This notice is a translation from the original Hebrew text. In the event of any inconsistency between this translation and the said original, the text of the original Hebrew version shall prevail.

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US demands N. Koreans return chopper, crewmen

THE US military is asking North Korea to return two American servicemen whose helicopter was stranded there yesterday after it strayed across the heavily fortified border.

The two crewmen, who were not identified, were safe, South Korean news media said. It was not clear how their craft became stranded in the North. North Korea claimed its border gunners shot it down.

Officials of the US military command in Seoul said the unarmed OH-58C observation helicopter was on a routine training mission when it entered North Korean air space by mistake.

US officials have not explained how it was stranded. They said the chopper was believed to be in North Korea's eastern front-line but had no information about the two crewmen.

KBS state television and other South Korean media, quoting unnamed sources, said the two, both identified only as warrant officers, survived and were safe. US officials said names of the

PAUL SHIN
SEOUL

two crew members were being withheld pending notification of next of kin.

The North's official Korea Central News Agency, monitored in Seoul, said the "enemy" helicopter "was brought down at one shot in the area of our side in a self-defensive measure."

The helicopter was shot down after crossing the heavily armed Demilitarized Zone, it said, adding that North Korean officials were investigating the "illegal intrusion."

South Korea's national news agency Yonhap said the US chopper crash-landed about 5 km north of the northern sector of the 4-km-wide DMZ that has separated the capitalist South and the communist North since the end of the Korean War in 1953.

American officials said they could not confirm the chopper had been shot down. US-North Korea relations

have been warming after a historic October accord to steer the North away from possible production of nuclear weapons.

US officials said they were in contact with North Korean officials at the truce village of Panmunjom inside the DMZ to get detailed information.

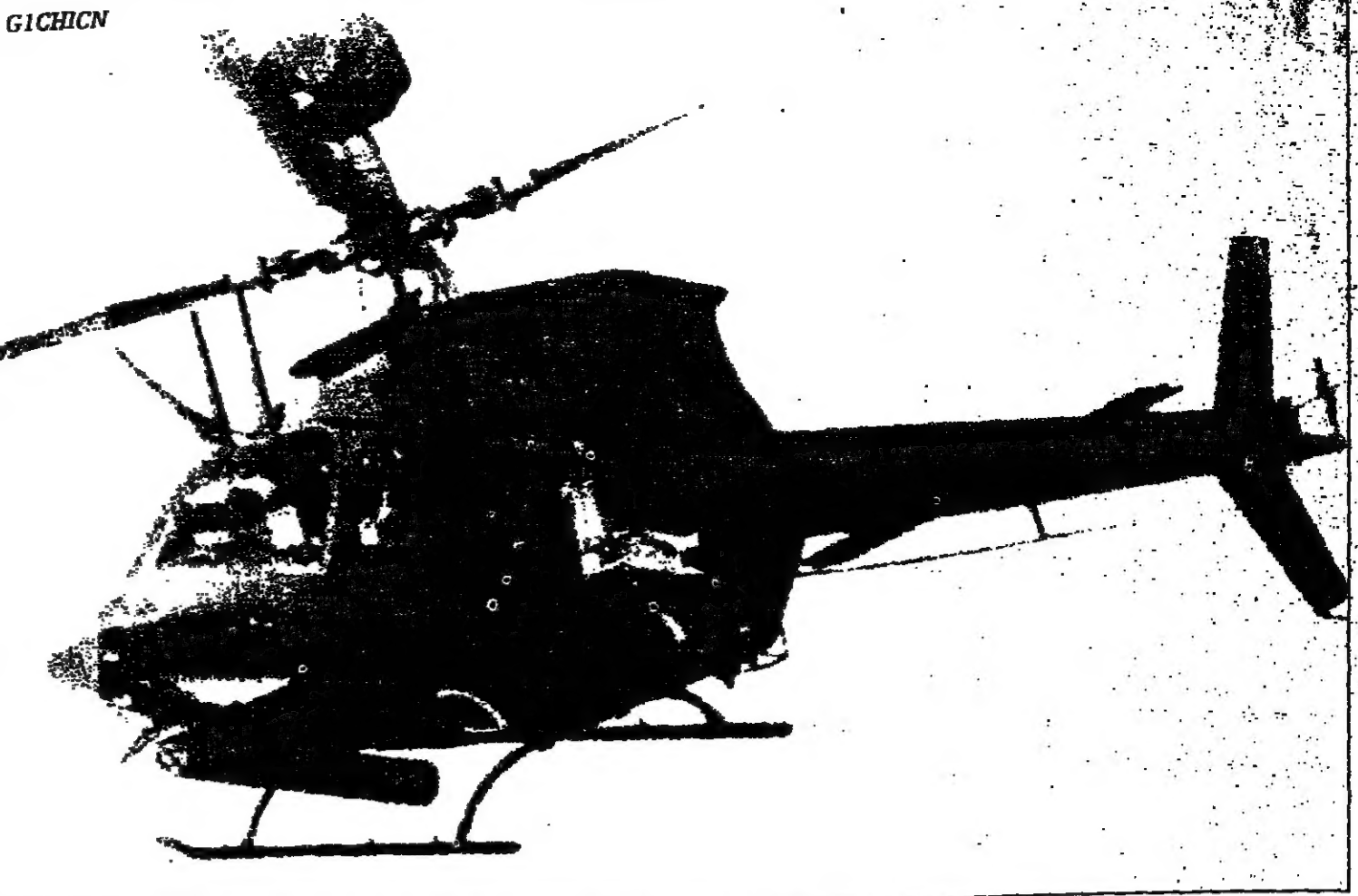
They said they have requested a formal meeting with North Korea on the matter.

US officials said the chopper was flying by map in good weather. South Korean officials said the rugged area was covered with snow, which probably made it difficult for the crew to read the terrain.

It was not immediately known whether the two-seater, which can be used for observation or attack, had an electronic navigation system.

In a similar incident in 1977, three US soldiers were killed when their CH-47 helicopter accidentally crossed the border into North Korea and were shot down by communist troops. Their bodies were later returned. (AP)

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A file photo of the American OH-58C observation helicopter which went down in North Korea yesterday. (Reuters)

Tories begin fight back after worst poll result in 60 years

LONDON (Reuters) - Britain's embattled Conservative government, humiliated by the opposition Labour party in its worst by-election defeat for 60 years, yesterday launched the long fight needed to woo back deeply disillusioned voters.

Cabinet troubleshooter David Hunt, reacting to the 29 percent swing to Labour in the central England seat of Dudley West on Thursday, said: "We have got to unite behind the reforms of the last 15 years. We now have to begin the fight back."

But Prime Minister John Major has a mountain to climb - his popularity has plummeted in opinion polls and he is battling rebels who are tearing the party apart over Europe.

If the Dudley swing were repeated nationwide at the next general election, due by mid-1997, the Conservatives would be routed.

Former party chairman Norman Fowler said the Conservatives had "a political death wish" by appearing hopelessly divided.

"If we go on like this, then we will make a gift-wrapped present of the next general election to the Labour Party," he warned after the Conservatives' 29th consecutive by-election defeat.

Bitter recriminations abounded with Conservative right-wingers calling for tax cuts, a referendum on the European union and tougher law and order measures to attract back voters angered by tax rises, party splits and sleaze allegations.

Rebels, who were expelled from the parliamentary party after voting against the government on an EU finance bill, were unrepentant after the latest election fiasco.

Teresa Gorman said voters were "fed up with handouts to Brussels. Our supporters stayed at home because they think the policies are not in their best interests."

The Conservatives are now pinning their hopes on economic recovery as the key to success at the next general election.

Famed US sex clinic closes after 40 years

ST. LOUIS, Mo. (Reuters) - After 40 years of pioneering laboratory work on sex, the famed Masters and Johnson Clinic is closing because its founder is too tired.

"Let's put it this way: I'm tired," 79-year-old William Masters told the St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Masters, who was divorced from co-researcher Virginia Johnson, his second wife, in 1992, will close the Missouri clinic this week. He and his third wife will retire to a winter home in Arizona and a summer place in New York.

Masters, a gynecologist educated at Rochester University Medical School, won permission in 1954 from Washington University in St. Louis to set up a laboratory to study how human sexuality works.

He and Johnson over the years observed hundreds of men and women - prostitutes and step-in surrogate partners included - in a laboratory setting during intercourse and masturbation.

Their 1966 work *Human Sexual Response* was a best seller, as was their 1970s *Human Sexual Inadequacy*.

Moscow threatens missile attack on Grozny

CHRIS BIRD
GROZNY

WITH Russian ground troops reluctant to storm the Chechen capital, the Kremlin threatened Grozny yesterday with a missile attack unless Chechen forces disarm by midnight.

Soldiers and officers in a Russian column located 50 km west of Grozny said yesterday they would disobey any orders to advance on the capital, Grozny.

"A mutiny? You could call it that," said a lieutenant colonel from the Russian 19th Motorized Infantry Division, a shy smile on his face. Like all soldiers interviewed, he spoke on condition of anonymity.

The column commander, Maj. Gen. Ivan Babichev, was summoned to a military headquarters in the region yesterday, one day after he told Chechen villagers that he would not advance on Grozny.

Yesterday's missile attack threat by Russian Deputy Prime Minister Nikolai Yegorov was the most serious challenge yet by Moscow to the regime of Chechen President Dzhokhar Dudayev.

"If adequate measures for disarming illegal armed groups on the territory of the Chechen republic are not taken before (midnight last night), a missile unit will deliver a missile blow at strategic facilities in Grozny," said a statement by Yegorov.

A hull in the fighting came yesterday as President Boris Yeltsin met with his hawkish

Security Council in Moscow. The panel invited Dudayev to attend last-minute talks, an invitation he likely would ignore.

The Russian government, meanwhile, asked Russian and foreign journalists to leave the conflict zone by midnight last night. Russian authorities have been embarrassed by media reports on civilian casualties and hesitant Russian soldiers.

Yeltsin has encountered opposition from the public and Parliament since sending an estimated 10,000 to 40,000 troops into Chechnya last Sunday. Moscow is seeking to disarm Chechen militants and crush their drive to create an independent state.

On Friday, for the second time in a week, the column headed by Babichev halted its advance west of Grozny.

TV footage showed Babichev hugging elderly women in the village of Pervomaiskoye, which had been pounded by Russian firepower.

"We are not shooting at you. We won't advance on you. How could we advance on you?" Babichev said, according to Associated Press Television.

"I ask you: don't let your sons and husbands shoot at these soldiers. They are people

just like you. We're doing all we can so that they don't shoot at you. Don't shoot at them and nobody is going to shoot."

Asked what he would do if ordered by Moscow to advance, Babichev said: "An order cannot be fulfilled by criminal means. Tanks can't advance on people; our military regulations say we can only fulfill legal orders. Can an order be legal if you have to crush people?"

Only one of the three Russian tank columns - the northern column - was in place on the edge of Grozny by Friday.

The other two, said Yeltsin adviser Leonid Smirnyagin, "have fallen far behind the schedule and remained somewhere in the middle of their route, stuck in the field, among a hostile population and in bad weather."

But in Moscow, there was little sign the Kremlin was ready to compromise with Dudayev, a former Soviet air force general who has led his southern republic's drive for independence from Moscow.

Yeltsin has given Chechen forces until midnight last night to lay down their arms or face the full force of the Russian army.

Several top Russian officials directing the Chechnya offensive, including Defense Minister Pavel Grachev, have returned to Moscow for urgent consultations. (AP)

Prosecutor takes charge of Mexican murder probes

MEXICO CITY (AP) - A special prosecutor will take over the investigations of three recent assassinations, including the March killing of the ruling party's presidential candidate. Mexico's attorney general said yesterday.

Jose Pablo Chapa Bezanilla will continue the probes into the killings many Mexicans believe are part of a larger conspiracy. Attorney General Antonio Lozano Garcia said.

"The cases are not closed and the investigations are not concluded," Lozano said.

Chapa Bezanilla called his appointment "the most important challenge of my life."

He vowed to get to the bottom of the May 24, 1993 killing of Roman Catholic Cardinal Juan Jesus Posadas Ocampo, the March 23 assassination of presidential candidate Luis Donaldo Colosio, and the Sept. 28 shooting of top ruling party official Jose Francisco Ruiz Massieu.

"We must recognize that there have been important

advances in the cases," Chapa Bezanilla said after being introduced by Lozano.

"There is already one person sentenced and several have been charged," he said.

The assassinations - especially those of Colosio and Ruiz Massieu - have shocked Mexicans and shaken the country's political establishment.

Few believe the official version that Posadas was mistaken for a drug lord in a gun battle last year in Guadalajara, or that a crazed mechanic acted alone when he shot Colosio in a Tijuana bar.

Investigators say Ruiz Massieu's assassination was part of an internal power struggle in the governing Institutional Revolutionary Party, or PRI, which has ruled Mexico since 1929.

Fourteen people have been arrested and charged in connection with Ruiz Massieu's death. A fugitive former congressman has been named as the mastermind in the plot.

Survey: World has more democracies than ever

WASHINGTON (AP) - Democracies are at a record number worldwide but many are threatened by internal divisions, rampant corruption and intrusions by military and financial elites, a new report says.

The report released by Freedom House, a New York-based pro-democracy group, said 60 percent of the world's nations are now formal democracies. Even so, 80 percent of the global population lacks full democratic freedoms.

China and India, the most heavily populated countries, are listed respectively as "not free" and "partly free."

On the list of 21 "most repressive countries," the friendliest to the United States is Saudi Arabia.

The "worst of the worst" repressive countries are Iraq, Sudan and North Korea, according to Freedom House's Joseph Ryan.

Seven new additions brought the number of democratic countries to 114, or 60 percent, the study said.

"Never have so many countries been trying to follow democratic rules," said Bette Bao Lord, Freedom House chairman. Major increases in the level of freedom were found in eight countries and major declines in four.

The study said Bosnia, despite democratic trappings, was "not

free" because of the government's inability to maintain basic civil order.

It said there are about 50 "inter-ethnic, secessionist or interstate rivalries" worldwide.

India and Turkey are only "partly free" because liberties have been eroded by internal strife, the study said. It listed Russia, Ukraine, Romania and Albania among post-communist countries that still lack a free press and an independent judiciary.

In Latin America, corruption and the influence of drug traffickers were major debilitating factors.

The report said elections in Brazil and Mexico bodes well for greater freedom.

The return of President Jean-Bertrand Aristide elevated Haiti from "not free" to "partly free."

In Africa, the transition to democracy in South Africa was a high point. The major setbacks were in Rwanda and Sudan.

The "most repressive places on Earth" list included Afghanistan, Algeria, Angola, Bhutan, Burma, China, Cuba, Equatorial Guinea, Iraq, Libya, North Korea, Mauritania, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan and Vietnam.

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British drivers not blind drunk - just blind

LONDON (Reuters) - More British drivers are at risk this Christmas from poor vision than drink. British eyecare experts have warned.

A study by the optical health organization Eyecare Information Service (EIS) found that the number of drivers whose poor eyesight made them a hazard far exceeded the number who drink.

More than one in 10 drivers tested could not even read a number plate at a distance of 20 meters - and were therefore breaking the law by driving.

"Drink driving is an obvious danger at any time of year," Steve Harris, chief executive of EIS, said in a statement. "However, it seems that we have over 10 percent of the population driving with inadequate vision as a matter of course."



Tuesday, October 10.
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Dead Sea Scrolls come to life

JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOVICH

FOR a college-level course on Israeli archeology, spend \$39.95 on a CD-ROM, pop it into your computer, grasp your mouse and zoom back to Khirbet Kumran.

You can learn more about the most important archeological discovery of the 20th century from the Israel Antiquities Authority's new interactive disk, *The Dead Sea Scrolls Revealed*, than from actually digging in the Judean Desert.

The IAA teamed up with Pixel Multimedia in Tel Aviv and Aaron Witkin Associates in London to produce the impressive English-language software. Two years and several hundred thousand dollars were invested by the private companies in the project.

It is the IAA's first such commercial venture, which promises significant royalties for financing further archeological research and publications. It is also the first CD-ROM ever produced by a state agency with the dual aim of educating and raising funds.

The disk, usable with Windows or on a Macintosh, includes more than an hour of video documentaries — including interviews with top archeologists — plus 100 pages of background text and 3-D reconstructions of ancient sites that let you "walk through" them. The user can move freely among these resources, and consult a detailed glossary containing hundreds of names and terms.

Until a few years ago, the IAA — which holds the scrolls at the Israel Museum and Rockefeller Museum and had a major role in transcribing and translating their texts — wrapped the scrolls in a cocoon of secrecy. Scholars' writings on the scrolls were published at an excruciatingly slow rate, leading to frequent disagreements over their contents and meaning. Indeed, some esoteric debates were so heated that they exploded into the general media.

"But now the situation is completely different," says IAA chief archeologist Dr. Ronny Reich. "We are interested in spreading the word as much as possible. All of the scrolls on the CD-ROM have already been published, and they represent only a fraction of the 3,600 different scrolls that have been discovered since 1947.

Thus the software is aimed at the amateur archeologist or the layman."

In the first stage, some 15,000 disks have been pressed by the CD1 company for marketing around the world by Logos, a US company (based in the state of Washington) that distributes Bible-oriented software.

The IAA and Oxford University Press are working on another CD-ROM with the entire Hebrew text of all the existing scrolls; this disk, meant solely for professionals in the field and reference libraries, is due to appear in mid-1995, and will be priced between \$800 and \$1,000. It won't carry any translations, but it will include some scholarly notes.

The IAA, Pixel and Aaron Witkon are working on a second popular disk, tentatively entitled *Archeological Treasures of the Holy Land*, which is due to be released toward the end of 1995. This low-priced CD-ROM will present the most famous and rarest archeological finds from 10,000 BCE until today.

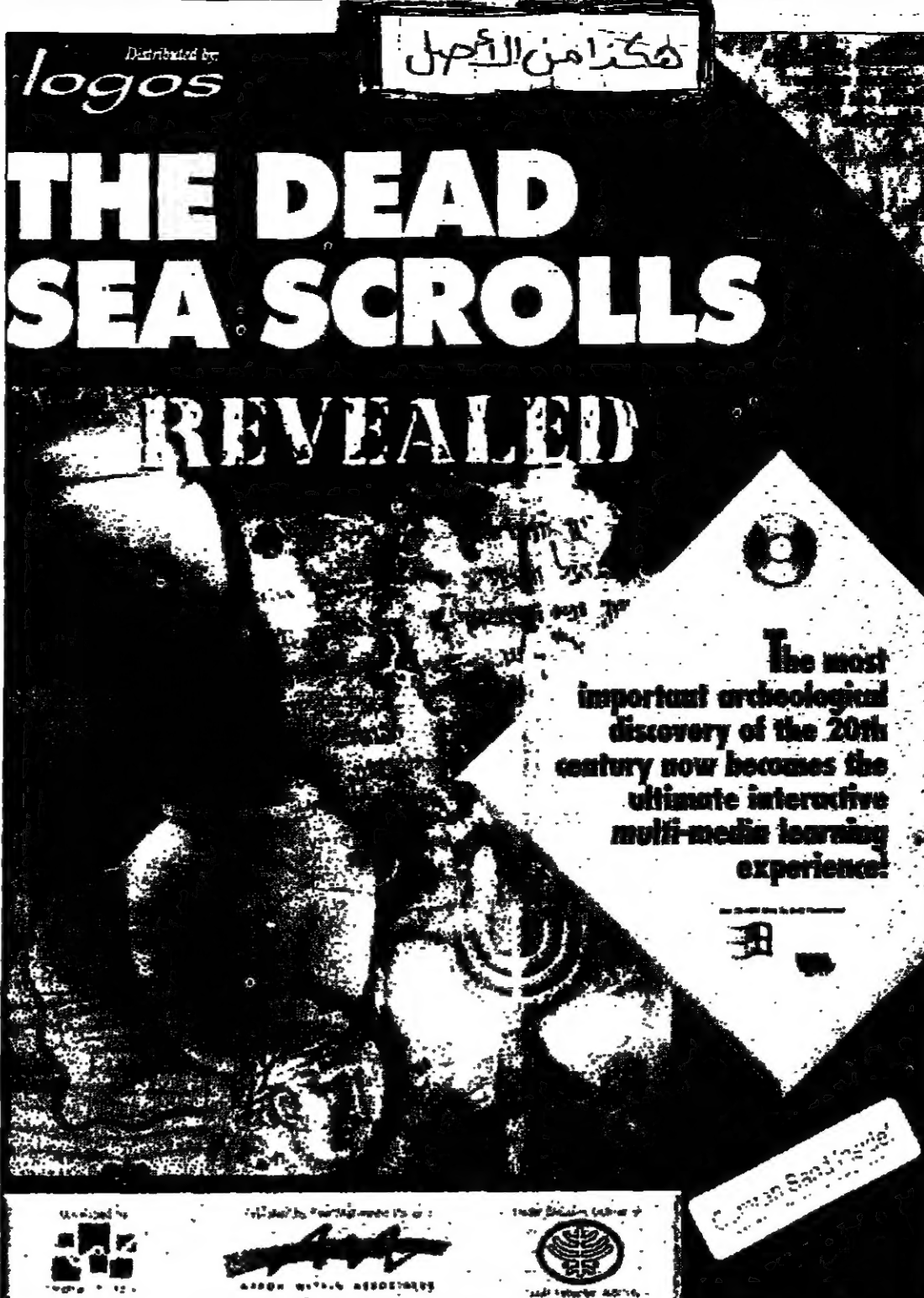
"The medium of CD-ROM is the book of the future," says Reich, who wrote the text of new disk.

But there is not much danger that people will prefer to look at archeological finds from the comfort of their homes rather than see them in a museum. "We expect that the CD-ROMs will arouse their appetite," he says.

Sherman Sall, who studied film at New York University and now works at Pixel Multimedia (17 Rehov Hatzfira in Tel Aviv), designed and produced the disk.

"It was a very complicated process, combining a 75-minute video — which can be watched in dozens of small portions according to subject — with still photographs and written text," he says. "And all of it is interactive, with the user being able to move at will between the various elements. There is historical information on how the scrolls were discovered, geographical information about the Judean Desert and Jerusalem, data on how the scrolls were written and the contents of the scrolls themselves."

"The video appears a bit jerky," says Jacob Fisch, the IAA's director of marketing and development. "But showing video films in a CD-ROM was impossi-



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ble only a few years ago. We are sure that in a relatively short time, better technology will be developed to make video scenes flow smoothly, as on TV."

Fisch took a preliminary version of the disk to the Vatican along with an exhibition of a number of Dead Sea Scrolls and other related items last summer. "Now that we have the completed CD-ROM, I will send one to the pope," he says.

Going through all the information in the whole disk — watching the video, reading the text, looking at still photos and studying

the translation — takes more than 12 hours. There is a special navigation palette that lets the user trace his steps backward through the program, keeping track of which sections of the CD-ROM he's already seen; a marker palette functions as a bookmark, registering each time the user opened a media window.

Oxford University Press was chosen as a partner for producing the disk for archeologists, Fisch explains, "because it has already published many of the scrolls' texts in book form. In addition, they have a superb electronic

publishing department and have put out the *Oxford Dictionary* in an excellent CD-ROM. They were a natural choice."

This disk will be very important to scholars, he says, because many of the scrolls are in very bad shape and the disk allows the user to zoom in on high-resolution photographs.

"The IAA is sitting on a gold mine: I mean resources and information, not necessarily money. The potential of electronic publishing on archeological subjects has not been tapped before," he concludes.

Beatles and baseball all on CD-ROM

ON LINE
DANIEL BAUM

THE CD-ROM revolution has made things possible that previously were mere pipe dreams.

A *Hard Day's Night*, by the Voyager Company, contains the complete Beatles film, together with a 160-page commentary and the entire script, some previous films made by the same producer and the original cinema trailer used to advertise the film.

Despite a small problem with synchronization of the sound and movie, it is an amazing piece of work. The film can be watched either in a small window surrounded by text, or in a larger window.

The disk is a must for Beatles fans, who can make a real study of it, learning by heart all the esoteric facts mentioned in the commentary. The disk costs NIS 179.

The *Sports Illustrated Multimedia Sports Almanac* is a record of American sports for the past year. Although it contains references for other, lesser known sports, such as soccer (!), it concentrates mainly on basketball, American football and baseball.

It contains full league tables, personal statistics of all the players and teams, the full text of *Sports Illustrated* for the past year and a good collection of video clips of notable performances.

My two main complaints — no cricket and the swimsuit edition is somehow neglected. Also it appears to run glitchily on the Hebrew Windows. This is, however, an absolute must for sports fans, preferably American ones.

The PC-SIG (Special interest group) Shareware library CD-ROMs are huge and varied collections of software. Shareware is software which may be distributed freely, but for which the author expects to be sent a registration fee if you intend to use it seriously.

The disk contains everything, from programming languages through word processors and databases to Bible texts and recipes.

All programs may be searched using an indexed hypertext program, which gives a short description of the software and allows you to download it to your hard disk. This disk is absolutely indispensable.

The *Software Toolworks World Atlas* provides both a complete

set of maps of the world, together with maps of major cities, and video clips of scenes from around the world.

One interesting feature enables one to build statistical maps, so one can compare the number of sheep in various countries with the number of telephones in others, and so on.

Major cities each have a scrollable map and a short video clip, while there are pictures from almost every country. The only thing missing is a gazetteer, to search for cities and towns around the world.

The maps, by the way, are the same as those in the *Grolier Encyclopedia*. There is also a US atlas available from the same company.

A browse through CD-ROM catalogs can also be interesting. One company, Walnut Creek CD-ROM, specializes in public domain and disks of complete Internet FTP (File Transfer Protocol) sites.

An FTP site is an area of the Internet from which one can download software. Each is dedicated to a certain subject, such as Microsoft Windows or TeX, and contains several hundred megabytes of software.

The idea of distributing these huge software stockpiles on CD-ROM is obvious; to download an entire site via a modem would take years.

Example disks from this company are the *Cia FTP* site for Microsoft Windows, the *Hobbes* site for OS/2a plethora of disks full of pictures, electronic texts and games. All disks are inexpensive, averaging \$40.

The Voyager Company, which manufactures the aforementioned *Hard Day's Night* disk, produces many other disks in the same vein. The company specializes in literature, old films, music and the like. Some examples include disks of *Macbeth*, Mozart and Stravinsky, as well as more unusual items such as "Ephemeral Films," which contains adverts and movie clips showing how the Americans saw their own culture in the 1930s, '40s and '50s.

I have seen many of these disks on the shelves in local shops, where they cost about NIS 200. US prices are \$30-\$50, but don't forget to add postage if ordering direct, which will bring the prices up to around their local level.

Haifa researchers develop automatic bone-injection gun

A Haifa team has developed what it claims is the world's first automatic bone-injection gun; that inserts needles for infusions directly into the bone.

The device is especially helpful in emergencies and when medical staffers want to avoid direct contact with a patient's blood.

The bone-injection gun (dubbed BIG) was based on an idea used in the Forties. It involved injecting infusion needles manually into the bone, instead of searching for a blood vessel and inserting it with a catheter attached. The procedure as it existed then was slow and painful, and was abandoned.

Dr. Mark Weisman of the orthopedic department of Kupat Holim Clalit's Carmel Hospital in Haifa joined new immigrants in the Technion's industrial new ideas "incubator" to develop BIG, which was first used in the hospital in July.

Describing the new device at a recent orthopedic conference in Jerusalem, Weisman called it a breakthrough because infusion equipment hasn't changed for nearly half a century. Anesthetics, saline or sugar solution and drugs are usually introduced into

the body via infusion.

Inserting a needle for attaching infusions is difficult during emergencies such as war, road accidents, heart attacks or mass catastrophes. When patients go into shock, the blood vessels often "collapse." Insertion is especially hard with children because getting an infusion to run into small blood vessels without leaking can take as long as 10 minutes.

BIG shoots the needle into the bone, which directs infusion liquids into tiny blood vessels and to the rest of the bloodstream. Although it sounds ghastly, the hos-

pital says it is less painful than the conventional technique. It also eliminates the danger of infecting medical staffers with HIV or hepatitis B from direct contact with patient's blood vessels.

Weisman claims BIG is so easy to operate that medics trained in its use — and not only nurses and doctors — can handle it. Carmel expects that BIG will eventually replace ordinary infusion needles in every emergency room, ambulance or other rescue vehicle.

Ministry spokeswoman Yifat Ben-Hai said in response that the

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NO IMPORTED SURROGATES

The Health Ministry will not allow foreigners to serve as surrogate mothers for women who are unable to give birth. The ministry was reacting to claims by the Israel Women's Network that travel agencies are already preparing to import Asian women to serve as surrogate mothers. The network said this would lead to the misuse of poor women who would "rent their womb" to make money from the surrogacy arrangement.

Ministry spokeswoman Yifat Ben-Hai said in response that the

ministry, which has in principle announced its intentions to prepare regulations legalizing surrogacy, will allow only Israeli women to carry babies for infertile couples.

FEVERED PATIENTS LICK UP TREATMENT

Young patients sucking poppies at Kupat Holim Clalit's health center for children and adolescents in Kiryat Shmariyahu near Haifa are using a recently imported technique for lowering temperature.

The poppicle method was copied here from emergency rooms

in US children's hospitals and is in use exclusively at the center, according to its head, Dr. Haim Babitsky.

Babitsky says that sucking ice quickly brings down a fever and supplies liquids — and no child has been known to object. If the fever is caused by an acute throat infection, the cold constricts the blood vessels and prevents edema, a condition that worsens the situation.

The new "therapy" has been received enthusiastically by the entire family, even though most parents are initially surprised.

Chaim Weizmann's laboratory restored

NEW WORLDS
JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOVICH

THE Rehovot laboratory used by Dr. Chaim Weizmann for almost 20 years until his death in 1952 has been restored in the oldest building of the institute named after him.

The actual lab and an adjacent study in the Daniel Sieff Research Institute Building was refurbished with a donation from the Moros family in London to mark the Weizmann Institute's 60th anniversary and 120 years since the great scientist's birth.

The lab was used continuously by organic chemists until last year. While its equipment was modernized over the years, the original furniture was untouched out of reverence for Weizmann, thereby easing the restoration process.

Several pieces of equipment that he used in the 1930s, including an incubator for microbial cultures, are on display; this device reflects Weizmann's role in launching biotechnology by combining organic chemistry with microbiology.

One of his major projects was work on butanol-acetone fermentation processes that made acetone available for the making of explosives during World War I and provided butyl alcohol as a raw material for synthetic rubber

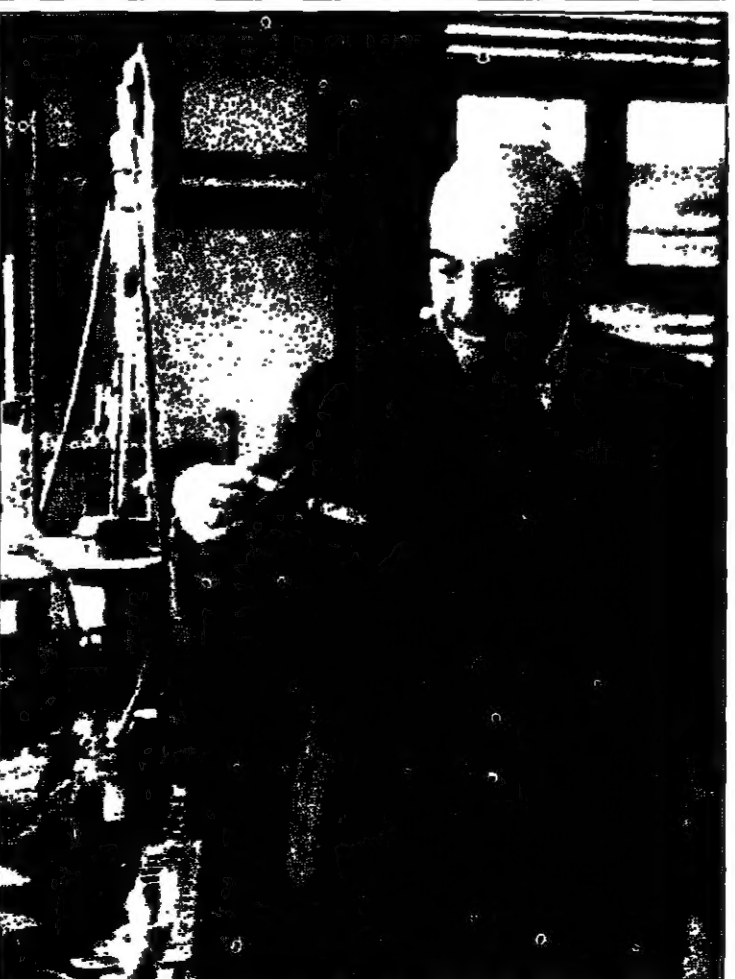
during World War II. Weizmann also used the rooms for his duties as president of the World Zionist Organization and the Jewish Agency and to meet with senior commanders of the allied forces, Zionist leaders and heads of state.

A committee headed by Prof. Yigal Burstein of the organic-chemistry department used old floor plans and documents to oversee the refurbishing. They also put on display his academic cap and gown from Manchester University.

TALK IS CHEAPER BY VIDEO-CONFERENCE

Bezdek, which advocates the use of telephones instead of in-the-flesh meetings, practices what it preaches. For the first time here, a company has used video-conference equipment to hold a management discussion with staffers around the country. Bezdek's management recently held its first video-conference among senior officials instead of requiring them to travel to Jerusalem.

The company bought, at a cost of NIS 260,000, six video-conference units, which have been installed in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and four other district offices.



Dr. Chaim Weizmann used the Rehovot lab for almost 20 years until his death in 1952.

The equipment, which transmits live video pictures and sound, allowing easy switching from one location to the other, is lightweight and can be moved around. It can also link up with sites abroad.

Bezdek estimates that the video-conferencing equipment will save the company some NIS 3 million during the first year, including wasted time in traffic, car expenses, flights and accommodations.

KEYED-IN REHABILITATION

Soldiers in military prison number four in Tzrifin are being rehabilitated with computers donated by the American Joint Distribution Committee. The new computer learning center contains eight state-of-the-art computer systems to relieve the monotony of the military prisoners' daily routine.

The funds were donated through the LIBI fund, chaired by Daniel Matt.

JDC-Israel, which helped inaugurate the program, says working on computers will improve prisoner morale and self-esteem. It will also give them a boost on their return to civilian life and entry into the work force. Most of the soldiers are serving short sentences for minor disciplinary infractions.

ELECTRIFYING ROAD POLICY

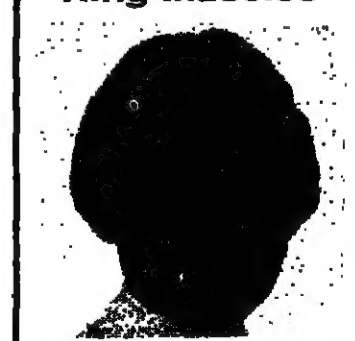
There will be 2,000-3,000 electrically powered cars on French roads next year, thanks to a government program aimed at encouraging motorists to buy vehicles are not powered by gasoline.

Industry Minister Jose Rossi said that electric cars cost about \$7,400 more than conventional vehicles, but a state subsidy will reduce that to about the same price. He said they cost around \$2.80 to drive 100 km, compared with \$7.40 for a gasoline-powered car.

MURDERER'S BODY IS NOW A TEACHING TOOL

A 39-year-old murderer who was executed in the US in August and volunteered to donate his body to science will posthumously

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Examining the roots

PULLING up a plant to see how the roots are growing may not be a good idea in horticulture, but in politics it is sometimes necessary. President Nelson Mandela has embarked on just such an exercise in the first major conference of the African National Congress since the spectacularly successful South African democratic elections in April. But many of his ANC allies are not happy with the results of this grass roots' inspection.

Some members complain that the once revolutionary ANC has become too tame since it won power - the main accusation at the conference being that the government has spent too much time keeping South Africa's five million whites happy at the expense of the 35 million black and other-race former victims of apartheid. With five million unemployed, seven million without housing and millions illiterate, as Mandela pointed out, the country has a very long way to go indeed.

With characteristic honesty, Mandela avoided the usual platitudes political leaders trot out at party conferences. His description of the inadequacies of his people's living conditions was plain and bleak and he offered no easy solutions. Honesty will not save him from the fierce debates likely to rage during the conference. While Mandela himself remains almost above criticism as the hero of the new nation, the leadership in general is being accused of dragging its feet in improving the lot of blacks.

The severest accusation is that this is a deliberate policy to avoid alienating the talented white population whose contentment is deemed vital for economic progress and investor confidence in the new South Africa.

Yet this may be a fact of South African life rather than an accusation, and it may remain so for a long time. As the poor and dispossessed become restive it is now up to the ANC to continue holding on to its pragmatic and step-by-step approach to the future. For all their disadvantages, the blacks of South Africa have shown remarkable maturity in their acceptance of democracy and it would be a shame if their leaders showed any less. There are plenty of cynics at home and abroad waiting in the wings for the chance to shout "we told you so" if South Africa unravels.

It will be to nobody's advantage for the impatient young Turks in the ANC to start raising again the populist cry of a "white menace" holding back progress. If any one of them thinks that firing up envy and resentment in the townships is the way to improve black fortunes, they only have to look north at most of the rest of Africa to see the results of so-called quick fixes. The only thing that got fixed in most black African states was the vast majority of the population, fed a starvation diet about the sins of colonialism while incompetent dictators and governments grew fat on stripping the assets of potentially wealthy countries.

Berlusconi's woes

ITALIAN politics more and more resemble a bad Italian opera in which the denouement is interminably postponed. Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi's government came into power with full "new era" fanfare only last May. Now the tycoon-turned-politician's grasp on power is slipping rapidly as his allies flee, his enemies gather and he is increasingly hounded by a hostile media and corruption investigators.

The political movement Berlusconi founded and carried to election victory is beginning to look as shaky as his political and business future. While it is a pity Berlusconi has failed to live up to the high expectations his countrymen had of him, politicians do come and go, but the underlying state of Italy's system of government is a cause for serious concern in Europe.

The expanding European Union simply cannot afford to have a corruption-ridden rotten apple at the heart of the union. The vast funds and complex spending systems of the EU have already made it vulnerable to cheats and thieves. The depths to which Italy has sunk is a sad warning to any democracy of the dangers of letting any one political cabal gain a grip on power for decades, giving politicians the chance to build up entrenched systems of corruption and self-protection.

It is clear the majority of ordinary Italians are appalled and frustrated at the persistence of this cancer of bribery, back-scratching and nest-

feathering that has over the years eaten into every stratum of government and bureaucracy. Berlusconi himself swept to power on a wave of outrage at the corruption. There is no evidence so far that he was a tainted man yet it would hardly be surprising if he had to grease some palms under the old system in order to get anything done as a businessman.

The average Italian could scarcely buy a postage stamp or escape a speeding fine without slipping a few coins the way of some petty official, much less acquire bribe-free permits, signatures or licenses needed for commercial life. Paying bribes is of course wrong, but it is a far cry from the sins of those who set up the system, allowed it to flourish, and then made themselves rich from the pickings.

Berlusconi has been too quick to answer the allegations against his company not only with pleas of innocence - which are fine if he is so - but with accusations of "coups" and conspiracies. This is a credibility trap into which no mature politician should fall. Shifting alliances and criticism are the stuff of democratic politics and to brand them as conspiracies has undermined Berlusconi and left the country feeling more insecure than ever. As an anti-Berlusconi confidence motion now looks likely in parliament, there may be no alternative left but for Italians to have another stab at electing a stronger government.



Aliya as 'golden rain'

WILL the mass Russian aliya of the 1990s turn out to be a great national achievement, or will it fail to fulfill expectations?

While I was writing this article, the telephone rang. It was my cousin, who has been here for three years, asking me to help him move from a rented apartment to one he recently purchased.

His three-room apartment in Jerusalem's Katamonim section cost \$100,000. He is 60, his wife is 54, and their daughter is 24. Even with their combined government-subsidized mortgages, they couldn't come up with the money without taking out an additional loan.

Buying an apartment is a sign of healthy absorption. But loans have to be repaid. My cousin, who used to be the manager of a large Moscow plant, now earns under NIS 2,000 a month washing floors in a Jerusalem yeshiva. His mortgage payment alone comes to NIS 1,500.

Finding employment is the most critical problem for new immigrants - whom one local newspaper called the "golden rain" from Russia. This was an allusion to the fact that 70 percent are university graduates.

Failure to use such valuable human potential would be an enormous loss. Approximately 10,000 scientists came with the new aliya; but many of them are not working in their professions. Only 200 have permanent university posts.

A 40-year-old chemist I know from Moscow spent a month meeting with directors of various scientific institutions, none of whom could guarantee him a job. So he chose to move to the US.

True, the Treasury allocated NIS 18 million to Tel Aviv University's Giladi Project to create jobs for 300 scientists. But these specialists were selected from 1,000 highly eligible candidates.

YOSEF BEGUN

The problem of professional employment demands more dramatic measures.

Immigrants have been forced to take matters into their own hands. They have formed associations for single mothers, physicians, and scientists.

The Zionist Forum, an umbrella organization, was formed to represent Russian immigrants. As a result of efforts by its president, Natan Sharansky, it received a substantial endowment, created a large infrastructure, and has accomplished a great deal. But its critics accuse it of becoming more and more bureaucratic, favoring the interests of its leadership.

THERE IS talk of creating a Russian party in the 1996 election.

Immigrants and veteran Israelis must together make the effort to break down the walls of the 'Russian ghetto'

While ethnic parties aren't generally popular, many Russian immigrants believe such a party (which would include non-Russians) is necessary because the established parties have consistently neglected their vital needs.

Spiritual and cultural absorption are also essential. Without a deep sense that "this is home," the new immigrant will feel unsettled, even if he has job security.

Living in Israel requires commitment. But immigrants feel alienated from Israeli culture and society. Both immigrants and veteran Israelis must make the effort to break down the walls of the "Russian ghetto."

An example of such an effort is Machon Yerushalayim, where Russian immigrants meet weekly for lectures in Hebrew about Israeli history and traditions. While they practice different professions and are at various levels of success in their personal absorption, attachment to the basic values of Judaism and Israeli culture fills their lives.

Another such institution is Mishreshet Yerushalayim, the Russian branch of the Institute of Jewish Studies (Conservative).

Unfortunately, some ideological forces are trying to discourage aliya for their own political ends. Russian immigrants are shown in a negative light, as strangers demanding too many privileges and a drain on the country.

And some religious circles are attempting to limit aliya by seeking to impose conditions of "racial purity."

Rather than looking for excuses to turn immigrants away, they should be elated that after a generation of oppression under Communist rule, Russian Jews have returned to the Jewish people.

Maybe they aren't so pure - but they have returned! Tens of thousands of Jewish families have immigrated from the CIS to North America, where they do not practice any form of Jewish life. They are assimilating even faster than in Russia.

But for every family that settles in Israel, there is a chance of their children continuing to live a Jewish life.

Many believe that the Russian aliya is ordained to bring about radical change in the country, making it more creative. Israel's leaders and all of society must do everything possible to nurture this "golden rain" from Russia. It can bring forth a bounty of sweet fruit.

The writer is a former Prisoner of Zion.

Dead issues

FM-2030

ON fundamental issues such as immigration, crime, "traditional values," and the work ethic, it hardly makes a difference who is US president or controls Congress.

These tracks are propelled by long-term irreversible forces such as decentralization, diversification and globalization, and are hardly affected by ideology or partisan politics.

Millions of legal and illegal immigrants will continue to cross national borders no matter what policies are adopted or how massive the barricades.

It is absurd to think that, in our global age, when a mounting avalanche of information and goods and dollars pours across borders every day, people will stay and marinate in their ancestral homelands. In our global age, territoriality is hopelessly anachronistic.

It is ridiculous to continue emphasizing such traditional values as "hard work" and the "work ethic," yet invest billions of dollars every year on automation and ever smarter machines that permanently jettison millions of jobs and disassemble the old labor-intensive economies.

Hard work was a precondition for survival at one time, and therefore glorified. In our times of global surpluses and smart self-

Hard work is dumb economics

replicating machines, hard work is dumb economics. Hard work is a deterrent to greater prosperity. We can now produce more while working less.

The persistent emphasis on family values is yet another dead issue that sets off people's alarms. Even if every federal and state office in the US were occupied by the Christian right, the nuclear family would still continue its downward slide.

Nothing can reverse this trend.

SINCE THE 1950s, the traditional nuclear family has dropped from representing around 85 percent of American homes to less than 10 percent. How illogical to think that profound changes could unfold in all areas of society, but not in our homes.

Government will continue to have less and less impact on people's lives. The trend everywhere is away from traditional concentrations of power.

The more centralized the sources of information, the more powerful the centers of authority (family, church, government). As information decentralizes, the relative power of government declines.

This is particularly evident in post-industrial societies. Since the 1960s, the most profound transformations in the US have been spearheaded by forces and people outside government - the women's movement, the biological revolution, the globalization of life.

An administration may call itself conservative or liberal, but the environment in which it operates and which propels it is revolutionary.

In the post-industrial world, elections are no longer an accurate gauge of a society's direction. This is as misleading as assessing the popularity of the Vatican by the size of crowds that greet the pope in the streets and not paying attention to the fact that these crowds then go on to ignore church teachings on divorce, abortion and women's rights.

It is absurd to want better technologies and a growing economy, yet still call for "traditional values." Technology and values are part of the same continuum - you cannot divorce the two. If you want advances in one area, you have to accept advances in the other.

Rather than dissipate millions of dollars on nasty political campaigns that attempt to freeze-frame the past, we should encourage new values and lifestyles and policies which will bring greater cohesion, abundance, leisure and growth as we prepare to lift off to a new century.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

Sir, - I refer to your editorial of November 24, "The domestic violence scourge." I do not agree with your claim that "for politicians, opposing violence against women is a little like supporting motherhood." To the contrary, the egregious, negligent failure on the part of legislators to take seriously even what would seem a dramatically self-evident basic right of women, the right to bodily integrity and respect as human beings, shows that the question of violence against women is quite different from motherhood.

Significantly, the coarsening of

attitudes towards women in Israeli society goes hand in hand with a greater demand on their part to be actively represented in the government of this country and, ultimately, to have equal access to, and an equal share in, the structure of societal powers.

Shelters for battered women, stiffer punishment for the perpetrators of domestic violence, more sensitive and sympathetic handling of women's complaints by police are all much needed initiatives. But such measures are purely reactive, and here lies their grave limitation.

Violence against women of the kind that kills is not the only way in which women's self-confidence and self-esteem is undermined. Women's dignity and worth are also affronted each time a woman is harassed and humiliated, for example in the workplace, thereby contributing to keep her in positions of subjugation and powerlessness.

In 1988, the Knesset passed the Equal Employment Opportunity Law, with provisions against sexual harassment in the workplace. But as it recognized the problem, albeit reluctantly and tentatively, it created serious procedural and evidentiary hurdles. In addition, resources were never allocated for the kind of training that empowers women to assert themselves and react in ways that are constructive and proactive.

The issue of violence against women, therefore, is quite different from the comparatively uncontroversial issue of motherhood. For in our politicians' minds, the image of motherhood is still intimately associated with a condition in which women's role and autonomous domain do not encroach upon the political allocation of power and government. A serious approach to the issue of violence against women, on the contrary, would require that legislators critically reassess the issue of women and power. To do so, of course, would set in motion a course fraught with potentially radical consequences. To stress the reactive and repressive approach to the problem of violence is a way to appear to be doing much while jealously guarding the status quo in the competitive game for social power.

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DON'T DEPEND ON U.S.

Sir, - Although the cabinet finally acknowledged the predictable and long-apparent nonstop terrorism, it resumed the appeasement process which nurtures terrorism. Now Rabin hopes US peace-keepers will camouflage the risks of appeasing Syria.

Ironically, hardly had Rabin cited the Sinai as successful US peace-keeping, when Egypt sought to displace the GIs. Previously, US peace-keepers had fled from Somalia and Lebanon. And the State Department "couldn't find" the document of its commitment concerning an earlier Egyptian armistice violation.

Ashamed of my country's record of abandoning guarantees and its surreptitious support for the Arabs (as Pollard proved), I advise making yourselves less dependent upon the US government, not more so. Especially now, Diaspora donors must share with you, not be rebuffed by Beilin.

RICHARD H. SHULMAN
New York.

POSTSCRIPTS

THE STENCH of socks, sweat and muscle liniment in rugby dressing rooms may give way to a subtle blend of bergamot, juniper and basil.

Welsh rugby winger Ieuan Evans launched two aftershave for the "new rugby man" - Ieuan Number 14, named after his shirt number, and Ieuan Number Eight.

Number Eight is aimed at the burly, mud-crustured men of the rugby scrum - a combination of basil, juniper and pine "enhanced by a woody, leathery, mossy base."

Number 14 is a lighter perfume for the rugby backs, known as "girls" to many forwards - a mixture of bergamot, violet and lavender but still with those woody, leathery undertones.

"Hopefully we can bring the sweet smell of success to the pongy world of rugby," said Evans.

A MAN in Toledo, Ohio, was sucked into a leaf vacuuming machine and killed.

City emergency workers pulled Lloyd Dutridge, 77, from the equipment but he was pronounced dead at the scene. Police said he apparently tried to approach the driver to ask to have his leaves picked up and the driver did not see him.

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JUMP! DON'T JUMP! - This Santa Claus in Munich is not trying to end it all, and he didn't get lost looking for the chimney. Actually, it's only a decoration. (AP)

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A generation ago political voyeurs flocked to a Paris suburb and returned with Ayatollah Khomeini's assurances that his Iran would be a constitutional democracy. A night of terror followed. The enthusiasts went on to other pursuits. Now they're at it again: this time the target is Saudi Arabia, and the place of pilgrimage is London, where a group of religious extremists called the Committee for the Defense of Legitimate Rights in Saudi Arabia poses as defenders of a would-be Democracy. News of the committee, and a long apology for it, comes to us in the latest New Yorker from Leslie and Andrew Cockburn. Ignorant, ill-intentioned and gossipy, the article has all the set themes of its kind. There's the heroic, wannabe democrat: Muhammad al-Masari, an exiled, 46-year-old professor at King Saud University and one of the country's "leading theoretical physicists." In fact, Masari is a rabid fundamentalist, dabbling in theocratic incandescence. One of the founders of Masari's "human rights" committee back in 1993 was a scholar by the name of Abdallah Jibreen. It was Jibreen who issued a *fatwa* decreeing the blood of the Shia in his country (mainly oil industry professionals, loyal to the country's institutions and rulers) *halal*, or permissible to shed. Jibreen quit the committee not long after it went public; but his outlook reflects the kind of bigotry that drives it. Another luminary of the group, Abdullah Tuwayjari, is described as a civil libertarian. It was men of his ilk, from the universities, many schooled in the West, who distributed leaflets calling the educated group of women "prostitutes" and "fallen women" and who gave out the women's phone numbers, urging vengeance because the government had been too lenient. The Cockburns write glowingly of two radical theocrats, Safar al-Hawali and Salman al-Audah, who were arrested in a

crackdown last September as "men whose influence extends across the Arab Muslim world." Hawali is a wild preacher who recently prophesied disaster for the United States and his country in the Gulf War, warning his countrymen that America had come not to fight Iraq but to occupy Saudi Arabia. As for Audah, we are told he has many followers among the educated, that he is "another Khomeini." Some recommendation! Where a conservative state now rules, the Cockburns' heroes would build a merciless one. It is men like Audah and Hawali and Masari who turned the term "secularists" into something approximating a writ for banishment and worse. The Cockburns write that the Committee for the Defense of Legitimate Rights has made "routine complaints" about America's support for Israel. More than that: members of the committee, and their supporters, have been hounding the Saudi government since the Madrid Peace Conference of October 1991. Their publications and cassette tapes have taken the government to task for taking part in the peace talks. They have condemned the Saudi state for inviting to Saudi Arabia "Jewish rabbis" — presumably members of the American Jewish Congress, the American Jewish Committee and other American Jews. The committee members have also called the U.N. and instrument of "Jews and crusaders bent on exterminating the Muslims and confiscating their wealth." The U.N. has many flaws, but it should be an easy call between the Saudi dynasty and the zealots who have stepped forth to challenge it. We have a new assignment for the Cockburns: in the alleyways of Gaza, the men of Hamas, soulmates of their Saudi heroes, anxiously await visitors from afar. They, too, gunning for Yasir Arafat, have been proclaiming from the rooftops their devotion to the cause of democratic politics. Puff-piece, anyone?

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Sic Transit:

Mick Jagger became honorary president of the London School of Economics. The Clinton administration said it would offer Bosnia's Serbs political and territorial concessions. Communists came to power in Nepal. California kindergarten student Tyler Palm, 5, was suspended and faced with expulsion after finding a discarded razor blade and bringing it to his school, which has a "zero-tolerance" weapons policy. The Justice Department reported that one in four prisoners in federal prisons is not a U.S. citizen. Gary Blanchard of Northampton, Massachusetts, was sentenced to up to twelve years in prison for trying to kill librarian Nancy Brady, whom he beat with a book in "a fit of rage" after she told him it was closing time. Applicants for jobs in the Republican-controlled Congress were asked to complete a questionnaire on 152 issues, including their feelings about the pope. Alexander Solzhenitsyn and "Hard Copy." Daniel Sterling of San Francisco stabbed his girlfriend seven times in the chest and back and drank her blood after they saw interview with a Vampire together. "I enjoyed the movie," he said. The House of Representatives passed GATT. Bill Clinton's horoscope said, "Individual who once declared, 'You don't do anything right' now says, 'You're beautiful!'"

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I DREAM:



I'M LATE FOR CLASS—

CAN'T FIND MY NOTES—



CAN'T FIND MY CLOTHES—



AND I'VE MISSED THE LAST BUS BACK TO SCHOOL.



I WAKE UP—



67 YEARS OLD—

MARRIED TO A WIMP.



WITH 5 CHILDREN AND 12 GRANDCHILDREN, NONE OF WHOM GIVE A DAMN ABOUT ME.



AND MY FIRST THOUGHT IS:



THANK GOD I'M NOT LATE FOR CLASS!

Charles
Krauthammer

Play it Again, Chris

If I may borrow the famous Humphrey Bogart line, this conference could be the beginning of a beautiful relationship. —Warren Christopher, opening address to the 1,200 delegates of the Casablanca conference on Arab-Israeli economic cooperation, October 30

They said that becoming secretary of state had changed Chris. But you wouldn't know it seeing him sitting alone at the bar of the Casablanca Intercontinental, brooding, chain-smoking, nursing his scotch, mumbling "Here's looking at you kid" to no one in particular. He had the air of a man who had seen too much, the hard edge of a man who had once dispatched a friend, dragged away to execution, with a pitiless "I stick my neck out for nobody" — yet whose upper lip began to tremble whenever the piano player struck up "As Time Goes By." That Chris.

He had a look of menace not seen in your average corporate lawyer. But then again, Chris was no longer your average corporate lawyer. He was secretary of state. And a damned good one, too. A secretary of state who would just as soon pull a gun on you as give you the time of day. Who'd stick a finger in your eye and make you like it.

Many of the delegates wondered how a face so puckered and pinched could hide such steely cool. They had heard about Christopher's legendary self-containment, his disdain for the most ordinary social decencies. Yet even they were unnerved to hear him answer the Sarajevo delegate's desperate plea for American assistance with "Want my advice? Go back to Bulgaria." ("Bosnia," whispered Strobe Talbott.) At the full plenary, no less.

Day after day, in one multilateral caucus after another, nothing could crack the remorseless exterior of the man with the striped pants and impossible eyebrows. Many tried. His suite (right over the bar) was a magnet for every dame with ambassadorial rank and a world-class sob story. Everyone wanted a piece of Chris. Some tried

charm. Some tried flattery. Some tried Chardonnay. Nothing worked. When Yvonne, the pert young Algerian delegate, pleaded with him for a forthright American statement supporting her beleaguered government, Chris first tried saying President Clinton would never approve. When she persisted, he cut her short: "Yvonne, I love you — but he pays me."

Yet through that air of brutal indifference came flashes of the romantic who had so long ago electrified Casablanca's café set. At the subcommittee on offshore resource recovery, where a trio of Gulf delegates quarreled bitterly over oil rights, even the Bengali stenographer found herself moved by Chris's stirring admonition that "the problems of three little people don't amount to a hill of beans in this crazy world." Indeed, Christopher's prophetic and oddly personal warning that unless they acted with dispatch and reason "you'll regret it, maybe not today, maybe not tomorrow, but soon and for the rest of your life" left the sheiks near tears.

This was Chris, the old Chris, the one who ran guns to the rebels in Ethiopia, who had fought for the loyalists in Spain, as Louis Renault, the former police captain and leader of the French delegation, never tired of telling the younger delegates.

Yet even Louis, who knew him so well, was unprepared for Chris's pained reaction to the surprise mid-session appearance of Hanan Ashrawi, who hushed the conference hall with her stunning entrance, mysterious and dazzling as ever in her white linen suit and trademark wide-brimmed fedora. "Of all the gin joints in all the towns in all the world, she walks into mine," muttered Chris to an uncomprehending Mauritanian who noted with puzzlement the absence of liquor in the hall.

There had been rumors about Hanan and Chris and Paris. But not one of the Maghreb old-timers could remember Chris reacting that way to anything. Indeed Major Strasser, the German

delegate who had served with Kurt Waldheim during World War II, flatly declared the rumors false and offered as proof the fact that they had failed to surface in even *The New York Post* during Chris's confirmation hearings.

Such were the mysteries about Chris, a shadowy past that kept delegates talking long into sessions on upper Jordan aquifer allocation rights. Finally, the junior trade minister from Eritrea, an ex-guerrilla still unlearned in the niceties of diplomatic chat, confronted Chris with the question that had been puzzling so many of his colleagues: Why was Christopher spending so much time in Damascus and now in Casablanca and so rarely returning home? "Why don't you go back to America?" he asked point blank. "Did you abscond with the church funds? Did you run off with a senator's wife? I'd like to think you killed a man."

Christopher had long acknowledged that his 1990 Columbus Day speech, "Challenge of Today: Interdependence or Coexistence," had left an audience member dead of catatonic stupefaction. But Chris had stoutly maintained that the man suffered from a pre-existing condition. He took offense at the Eritrean's imputation. He turned away. And ran right into Louis. The old Frenchman persisted. "Why did you come to Casablanca?" he asked.

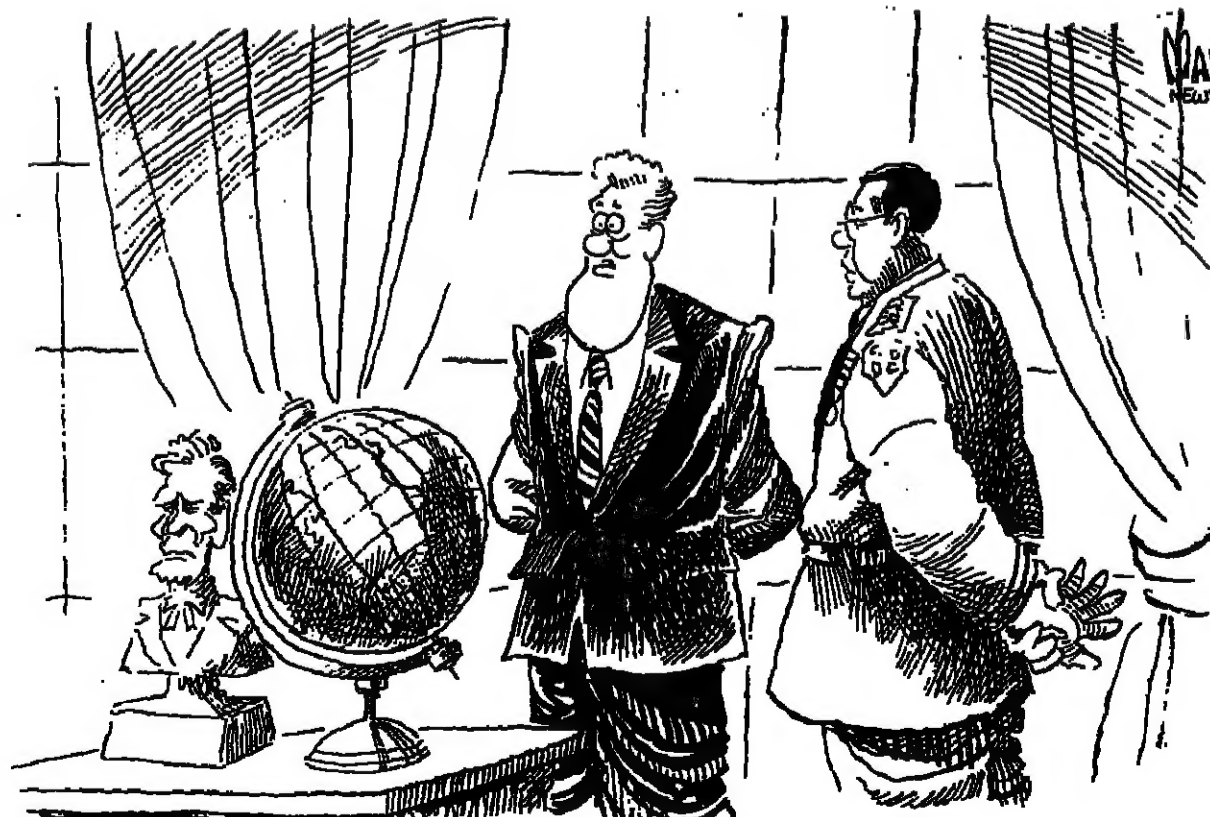
"My health. I came to Casablanca for the waters."

"The waters? What waters? We're in the desert."

"I was misinformed."

Chris didn't crack a smile. But Sasha did. Sasha the waiter, now State's top Russian adviser. Sasha, who'd seen Hanan and Yvonne and all the others come and go, he gave a sigh of satisfaction at this sudden reminder of the old Chris, the Chris of deadpan wit and effortless repartee, the Chris many feared lost forever during his long climb to international mediocrity, now alive once again in Casablanca.

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"AND IMAGINE HOW THINGS MIGHT HAVE GONE IN HAITI IF WARREN CHRISTOPHER WERE ALIVE!"

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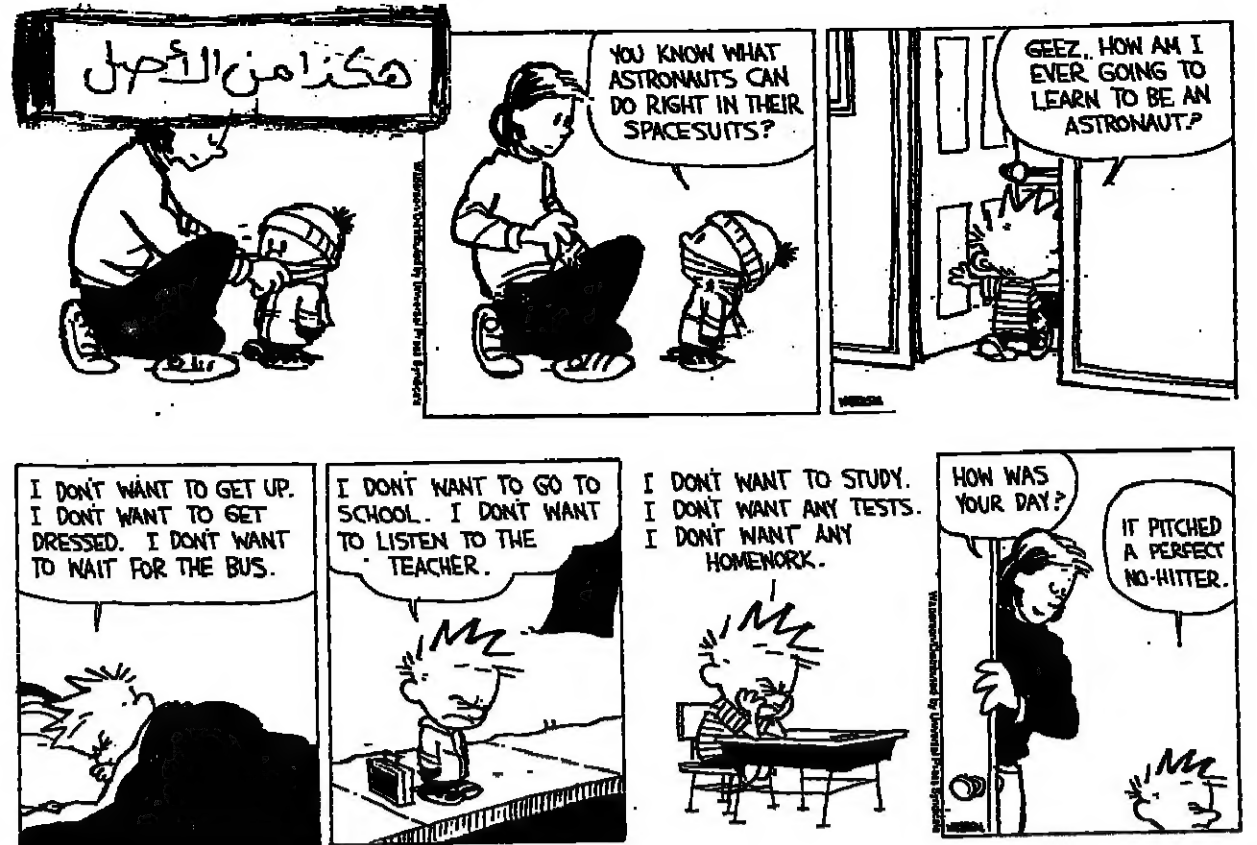
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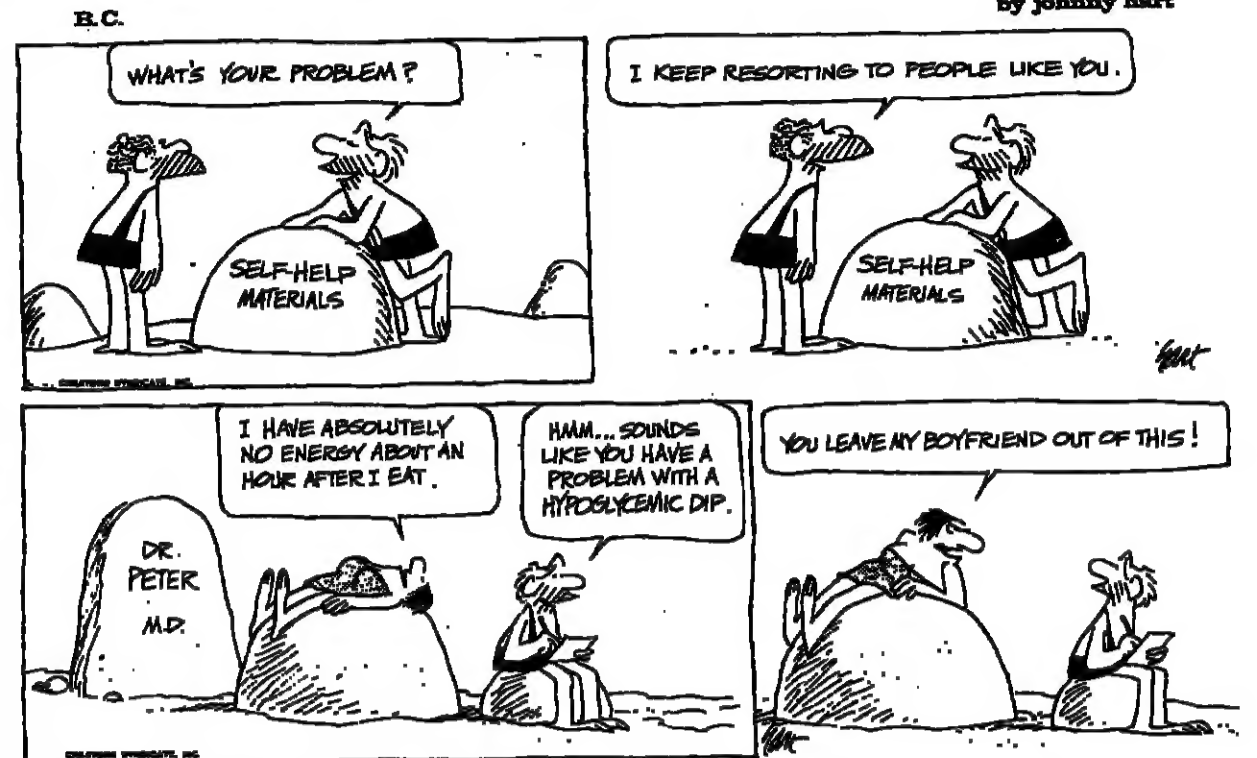
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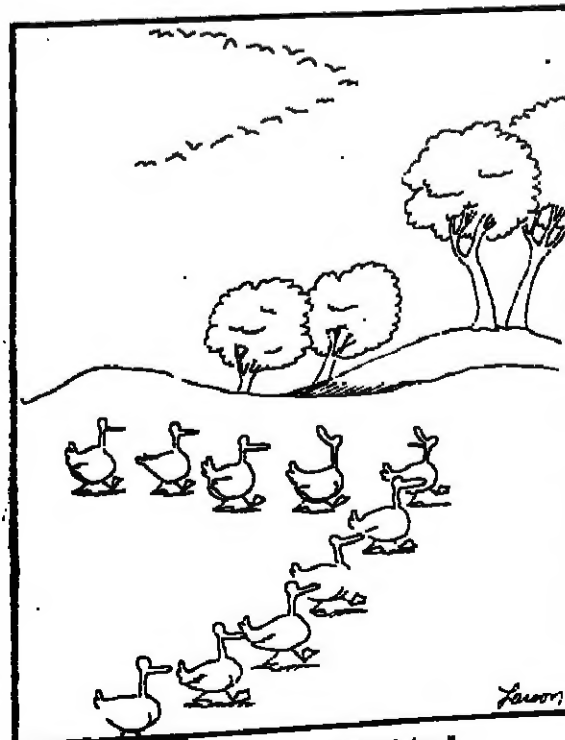
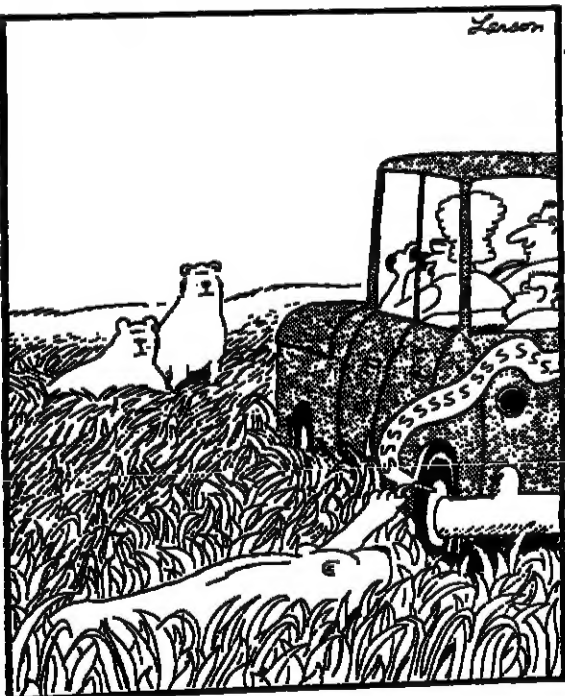


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QUOTE CRYPTOGRAM by Rebecca Kombluh

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Last Week's Quote Cryptogram: Poets have been mysteriously silent on the subject of cheese - G. K. Chesterton

David Nyhan

Newt, Newt, Newt

I can't get enough of Newt Gingrich. I can you? I wish the dirty, rotten, godless national news media would stop trying to ignore this guy and give him his due. He's already the most important man in Washington, and if this new Republican majority in Congress does half of what Newt promises, well, I don't think there's much doubt that he's the most important figure on the whole planet.

For starters, he's got God on his side, or he's on God's side, whichever way you want to put it. He's not even sworn in as Speaker of the House, but he's got prayer halfway back into the public schools.

And high time, too. Most Americans think, deep down, that if only these little buggers would pray harder in class, their test scores would go up, the kids wouldn't torment substitute teachers the way they do and, as the Prairie Home Companion feller says, all the kids would be above average.

Of course, the election results aren't very old yet, and we're not sure just who gets to write the classroom prayer. I'm leaning toward Sen. Jesse Helms? He's just a God-fearing Christian, people keep assuring me. Strom Thurmond? He's big on the Deity, from what I hear. He and Sen. Orrin Hatch of Utah. They're all Republicans, of course, all safe-and-sound conservatives. So I'm reasonably confident they wouldn't conspire to write any kind of prayer that would favor the Devil instead of the Lord.

Do you think it's an accident that Devil and Democrat both begin with the same letter? Or do you think it's no accident that the Devil is so big in the Democratic party? Everywhere I looked in the election-result tables, voters were saying yes to the Lord and no to the Democratic congressional candidate. I know that because I read a bunch of exit polls, and by 3-1, white born again Christians voted Republican. Praise the Lord!

As much as the Almighty deserves a lot of credit for the result, I happen to

be of the opinion that Newt Gingrich helped a lot too. His Republican Contract listed a whole bunch of things that the people and the Lord, probably in reverse order, desired this election season. I've been told by a very high-ranking source that God is foursquare behind the Balanced Budget Amendment.

And it's a good thing for the God-fearing that this Clinton administration

is going to be Newt-er-ed in the coming Congress. Yes, the old Newtron bomb drops on the Congress about two weeks before the State of the Union speech. Not soon enough for a lot of us genuine Americans.

I say it's time to put the liberals on a Newt-tricious diet. Let's call in the old Newt-rician, I say. Stuck that Democratic Congress in Newt-ral. Let our new

Newtro-surgeon perform a lobotomy on the body politic. It's about time we had a little Newt-ology above the Mason-Dixon line. Let's run them liberals back to Canada, and Newt-ralize those people, like the president and his consort, who are, Newt tells us, "the enemies of normal Americans."

And if you don't agree with me, well, you're no better than that dreadful

woman who drowned her two kids in a car just before the election, which gave Newt and his ilk (The Newtmens) the opportunity to point out that it was the Democrats who made her do it.

I happen to think it's high time this country turned its politics, religion and table manners over to a Newt-ralist. I stand with Barry Goldwater — wasn't it he who said "Extremism in the defense of Newt-ralism is no vice?" And if it wasn't, it could have been. Where was I?

Newt, Newt, Newt:
He makes the liberals scoot.
Just as the NRA man loves to shoot.
And as sure as Clinton's a sad galoot,
And Hillary's a shrew, to boot,
We thank the Lord for a leader like Newt.

Of course, the fact that Newt is against taxes as well as sin has absolutely nothing to do with my admiration for the man and what he stands for. There are things more important than money. School prayer, for instance.

So what if it just happens by chance that the same people who are for prayer in the schools are against high taxes, estate taxes and any taxes — but most especially capital gains taxes? Can I help it if the Bible says the capital gains tax is the Devil's rumpus room? Are you trying to tell me that the IRS was somehow grandfathered in by Matthew, Mark, Luke & John? No way.

There is a natural order to things: Fish gotta swim, birds gotta fly and Republicans gotta fight the capital gains tax. I'm sorry, but the Lord went to the polls a week ago Tuesday, and His Voice was heard, along with that of the 37 percent of the registered voters who were intended by the Almighty to exercise their franchise on that heavenly day. Praise the Lord, and pass the capital gains rollback!

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Andy Rooney

Wearing Ignorance As A Badge of Honor



Considering how much we profess to admire education, it's funny how often we take pride in our ignorance.

A psychiatrist might have the answer to that problem, except psychiatrists are as proud of not knowing something as any of the rest of us. Years ago, I was skiing with a man I met just a few days earlier in the lodge. All I knew about him was that he was a doctor. I took a bad, head-over-heels-skis-and-all fall and dislocated my right shoulder. The doctor schussed to a stop next to me.

"You all right?" he asked, even though it should have been obvious that I wasn't all right.

"Not good," I gasped. "Take a look at this, would you? I think I broke my shoulder."

"Gosh, I wouldn't know," he said with some pride. "I'm a psychiatrist."

Everyone does it with one topic or another. They say, "I'm not good at geography." "I can't spell." "I wish I understood math." They wear their ignorance as a badge of honor.

It's a mystery to me why we're all so proud when it comes to not knowing something. If you're driving a car and you stop and wind down the window to ask directions, the person you ask seems especially pleased to be able to say, "Get, I can't tell you. I'm a stranger here myself."

You can't complain about someone not knowing how to get somewhere in town if he's a stranger but why is he so pleased with himself for not knowing? I suppose it's because we feel that ignorance absolves us of all responsibility.

"I can't figure out this Middle East thing."

There are people who are proud of not knowing almost everything. A favorite, all-purpose answer you hear every day is, "Beats the hell outta me."

We know a capable woman who sails a boat alone all over a lake even in heavy winds but she loves to say, "I don't know how to drive." It's almost as if she thinks not knowing how to drive is one of the things she does best.

I'm not knocking the whole rest of the world and not taking any blame myself. I often say, "I'm sorry my handwriting is so bad." And my handwriting is bad, too, but it's nothing to be proud of and instead of proclaiming it as if it was a virtue, I damned well ought to try to improve my handwriting.

And, like almost everyone else, I often say, "I'm not good with figures." This makes me a wonderful person?

There are a whole array of shortcomings we have that we brag about as though stupidity made us special. For instance, I'm suspicious of the person who's always saying, "I'm color-blind." Well, he may have some problem, but I'm convinced that half the time color blindness is an affectation people assume for some small pleasure they take from being special. I suppose now I'll be getting an angry letter from The Association for Color Confused Americans.

Left-handers love it when something is inconvenient for them to do. There's nothing wrong with it but I see no great virtue in being left-handed. They got hold of a bad gene, that's all.

There's no question that there are some advantages to being really ignorant. If you're dumb and uninformed about everything, no one can beat you in an argument. That may account for why so many people seem to enjoy not knowing anything. They're dumb but happy.

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Rock-a-Bye Baby Is Long Gone

Sleep has changed for me. It's no longer a carefree, unconscious time for physical and mental resupply. I don't enjoy sleep the way I used to. During the day, we're all in this world together but at night we withdraw into a small world of our own. It's often an unpleasant world of dread thoughts and worries.

I seem to think very well in the middle of the night but the only things I can think about are problems. Pleasant, happy thoughts never come to mind at 3 a.m.

Maybe my memory is bad, but it seems as though I used to get into bed, go to sleep and wake up eight hours later. If that was ever true, those days are gone forever. Now I go to sleep quickly but no longer sleep for long. The alarm clock hasn't gone off in 20 years because I'm up long before its designated ring time.

Doesn't anyone else's hand fall asleep when he lies on his arm? Is there some out-of-the-way place to put an arm for the night that I don't know about? I'm always cutting off the circulation in one arm or the other by lying on it. Don't you get tired of being on one side after about half an hour and have to rouse yourself enough to turn over?

The body is badly designed for lying. There are only four ways to sleep — front, back and two sides. Our sides aren't flat enough because our shoulders stick out. I can't sleep on my stomach and if I sleep on my back I have nightmares.

There are a hundred problems I'm having with sleep that I didn't used to have. For instance, I'm no taller than I ever was, but the blankets don't seem to come up far enough to cover me anymore. Maybe the blankets are tucked in too far at the foot of the bed, but I don't dare complain or I know what's going to happen.

"Make your own bed if you don't like the way I make it" is what's going to happen. I believe in a fair distribution of work around the house, but Margie makes the beds. I don't make the bed because I cannot make a bed.

"My mother spoiled me by making my bed when I was young and Sgt. Fischuk permanently prejudiced me against doing it with his complaints about how I made mine in the army. I can't get it right and if I

lived alone I know that I wouldn't make my bed from one week to the next.

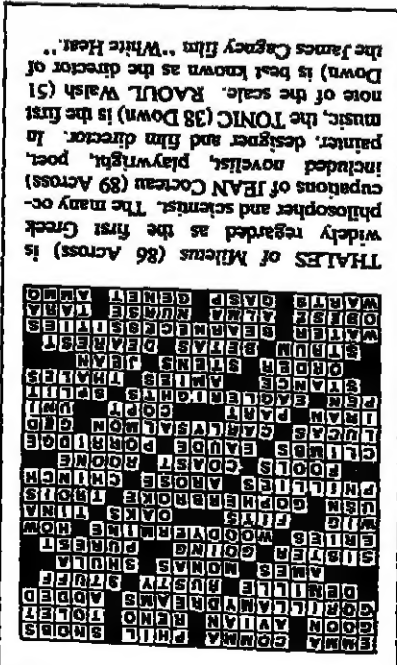
Sleepers are divided about opening bedroom windows. There was a time when I opened the window even if it was zero outside. No longer. I don't know whether it's the price of oil or something that cold air does to my respiratory system, but I leave the windows in the bedroom closed. I turn down the heat, but I don't introduce fresh air. If you dipped our house in water, it would certainly leak, so there's no doubt that fresh air gets in even with the windows and doors shut tight.

Sleep experts say that the first few hours are the most restful sleep a person gets. I'd go further and say that some nights the first few hours are the only sleep a person gets.

In the middle of most nights, especially in the winter, I have to get up to go to the bathroom. This happens with age. I yearn for those wonderful, carefree days when I was 3 and 4 and just wet the bed. If you wake up in the middle of the night and can't decide whether or not you have to get up and go, you have to get up and go.

While I refer loosely to "the middle of the night," there is no middle to night. Everything in between the very beginning and the end is "the middle of the night." It's not a time of day, it's a state of mind.

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He changed his style with the role

THERE AND THEN
SRAVA SHAPIRO

THIRTY percent of our supporters are religious," Menachem Begin once remarked over a chess game with Ya'acov Amrami.

"And what about the secular 70 percent?" Amrami inquired. The man who was then the head of the opposition ignored the question.

Amrami, a book publisher, was the security officer of the Ir-gun Zva'i Leumi (Etzel), of which Begin was the revered head for about four years before the establishment of the state.

Amrami's *Hadvarim Gadolim Hem Me'anan*, ("Things Larger Than Life," Hadar Publishing House, 164 pp.) records some memories of a life lived largely in tension, facing mortal danger.

His account, presented in dry, laconic sentences — a style he probably acquired during his service in the Palestine Police — conveys dramatically the atmosphere of the late 1930s and mid-1940s.

AMRAMI FIRST met Begin in 1944, when the former head of Betar in Poland was appointed by Etzel leaders to assume the responsibility for this underground organization.

"A legendary figure" is how Amrami describes Begin. Soft-spoken, self-possessed, with not a trace of the exuberance that characterized his later appearances as a public speaker.

In the underground he emanated steadfastness, restraint, and trustworthiness, Amrami writes. There Begin was "extremely humane, manifestly democratic, mild in manner, and fair."

His manner with his men was egalitarian: "We never stood at attention to salute him," but "he had us completely under" his control.

EMERGING INTO the open after the establishment of the state, Begin changed his manner con-

siderably, Amrami notes. In the past, Begin had paid little attention to kashrut. He wrote, smoked, and traveled on Shabbat. "I once took him in my car to attend a football match between Betar and Hapoel."

He was intolerant of opposing views. He would not allow Dr. Yisrael Eldad to write a column in *Herut* on the Bible portion of the week, because of past quarrels. "He was angry with me for employing Yonathan Ratosh, the poet, and printing stuff containing 'Canaanite' views."

While leading the parliamentary opposition, Begin behaved as an unchallenged authoritarian in his party, *Herut*. But when he became premier, his ways changed. "He was not in control of government... His administration was chaotic," Amrami says. A minister in his cabinet described the second Begin government as "shakshuka" (literally, a dish of eggs scrambled with tomatoes).

"He surrounded himself with yes-men, who had learned to promise but not to fulfill," Amrami says. In fact, Amrami adds, "Begin put us back in the Diaspora."

Amrami missed the insistence on decorum and Hebrew-sounding names demanded by Ben-Gurion. Begin even stipulated in his will that his funeral be conducted as a popular event. It turned out to be a disorderly affair, Amrami writes, reminiscent of a small-town event in Eastern Europe, or what "I've seen on television of the Ayatollah Khomeini's funeral."

THE ETZEL was a splinter group that broke away from the Hagana, the secret self-defense organization of the Yishuv. It was supported mainly by people who were impatient with Hagana caution in responding to Arab terrorism, or who objected to the left-

wing bias of Mapai, the party that effectively controlled the Hagana. In its formative years, the Etzel was tentatively referred to as the "Rightist Hagana."

Amrami, then a recent immigrant from Warsaw, enlisted in the police after he had been dismissed from work in Rehovot, because he was not a Histadrut member. In Etzel, the Hagana was considered an enemy no less dangerous than the British Police. Informers passing information to the Hagana were treated as traitors, liable to death.

Nobody was above suspicion. Even Gabriel Clifroni, a *Haboker*

journalist with good contacts with the British, was suspected of being paid by the Hagana. Amrami notes.

"We used to check the information he supplied us with Moshe Brilliant, of *The Palestine Post*, or Arie Dissenchik of *Haboker*," Amrami says.

Some Hagana leaders, such as Ezra Ichilev from Petah Tikva, were ready to share information with the Etzel. As Julius Jacobs, a high official of the British Mandatory administration, said, "We've learned what the British were about... In fact, Jacobs perished when a wing of the

King David Hotel in Jerusalem was blown up by the Etzel.

To dissuade the British from executing Etzel members sentenced to death for terror acts, the Etzel kidnapped British soldiers and actually hanged two in reprisal.

After the execution of Dov Gruner in April 1947, Amrami and a colleague seized an Englishman from the bar of the Park Hotel in Tel Aviv and took him to a remote place — roughly where City Hall stands today. "There were a few cypresses there, on one of which we intended to hang our captive, in re-

venge for Gruner."

When the man was told what awaited him, he became livid. He said he was a Jew, serving in Egypt, and had come to Palestine for a visit. No, he did not speak Yiddish; he hadn't since his father died, 30 years before. He first gave his name as Jack Wilkinson, but then said his real name was Jacob Waldman.

Suddenly, he began to recite the Kaddish, followed by *Adon Olam*. "We were stunned," Amrami said. With apologies, they returned the Englishman to his hotel.



As prime minister, Begin did not wield the control he had as head of the opposition, a former colleague claims. (David Rubinger)

Lady and the tramp

HEADS N' TAILS
D'VORA BEN SHAUL

A Petah Tikva couple got a surprise when their cocker spaniel bitch produced a litter recently. They had bred her to a pedigree male of the same breed, but a day later she managed to get out of the house for a short time before they found her.

Four of the puppies looked like perfect spaniels, but three seemed to be something else, possibly pointers. How could it be that not all the puppies were spaniels, the couple wondered.

This is a case of superfecundation, a not uncommon occurrence. Dogs, cats and various other mammals do not have a single ovulation during their fertile period but ovulate a number of times over a period of three to five days on average. This means that, with the exception of rare cases of twinning, each pup or kitten is the product of a separate conception and the only thing they necessarily have in common is whatever they inherited from the dam.

Thus, a dog could, if it mated with, let's say, six separate males during the fertile period, have six pups, each with a different sire.

The Petah Tikva pups that were the result of the mating with the pedigree sire are indeed pure cocker spaniels and the others are of mixed breed. But, since it isn't always possible to be sure which pups are pure and which are not, none of the pups may be registered as purebred (even though some of them may well be show quality, perhaps even champion quality dogs).

Sometimes the breeder isn't even aware that the bitch mated with a second male until the pups are born. The only thing one can do is sell the pups to good homes where no one is particularly interested in a pedigree. Tell the buyer that, though the pups appear to be purebred spaniels, you can give no guarantee and therefore they cannot be registered as such. Though the pup may seem to be all of one breed while small, it might develop features characteristic of another breed later on in life.

In general a cat needs to be kept in for a week after breeding, and a dog 14 to 16 days in order to be sure that it does not breed with another animal. On average, dogs are usually fertile during days nine to 14 of their estrus period; but, as the late Nobel Prize winner Linus Pauling used to tell his students: "Average — if you put your head in the refrigerator and your feet in the oven, then average will probably be comfortable."

I have known dogs to get pregnant as early as the day before the first signs of estrus appeared and as late as the 21st day. You never know for sure unless you guard the bitch for the full 21 days.

Cats should be kept closed in from the earliest signs of estrus. This is harder to detect than in a bitch since cats do not show any bleeding. Usually the first sign is the typical meowing called "calling."

From then the cat should, if not bred, be kept in until all calling has stopped. If she has bred, give her another week.

Passing on the knowledge — if one can remember it

KISHON'S KEYHOLE
EPHRAIM KISHON

DADDY! That's how my children address me as a rule. This time it was Amir standing in the doorway of my study, where I'm trying to work.

"Daddy," my blue-eyed boy says to me, "does the Earth revolve around the sun?"

"Yes," Daddy replies, "Of course."

"How do you know?" That's the effect of all those space-flights, I guess. The kid is out to conquer the solar system. Good for you, my boy.

"Everybody knows that," I explain patiently. "We learned it at school."

"What did you learn?" My brain shifts to low gear. What did we learn, as a matter of fact? All I remember of my cosmology is the incontrovertible fact that our physics teacher wore a bow-tie and would sometimes talk for minutes on end with his eyes shut. He had buck teeth.

Didn't we call him "Horse"? Think so. Must check up on that sometime.

"So how do you know?" "Don't be silly!" I chide my son. "There's proofs. Like if the sun revolved round us, they'd call it the 'Earth System' and not the Solar."

I can see his attention wandering. I'll have to give him some tangible evidence before he gets any funny ideas. He's a redhead after all.

"Look," I say, picking up a rubber eraser from my desk. "Let's say this is the moon, and this box of thumbtacks is the earth..."

The desk lamp becomes the sun. Daddy turns the eraser and the racks gracefully round the lamp, slowly, round and round...

"See the shadow, little block-head? When the eraser is right in the middle, the box is all in shadow..."

"Yeah," my son comments. "And it's also in shadow if you turn the lamp and the box stays put."

Pah!

"Use your head!" I shout at the boy. "If the lamp turned, then the shadow would go all to one side..."

And, sure enough, the plug flies out of the socket and there be darkness. I bend down, and all

the thumbtacks of the universe scatter over the floor, on account of the centrifugal force, dammit!

"You bum!"

One of his socks is always slipping. I've never seen such a sloppy kid! As I crawl about the floor gathering thumbtacks — ouch! — I remember Galileo, who discovered all that stuff about the sun and all, at the royal court of... some king. I know, because I've just been to this play. *Si muove*, he said there. A good play, some first-rate acting, and there were lots of stairs on the stage. I go over to the window and glance up to the sky to see if something is moving up there, but no, only clouds...

"Go back to your room," I tell my son, "and think over your

stupid question again!"

Amir, offended, goes off to his room. I pounce on the encyclopedia: Columbus — Copenhagen — Copernicus, Nicolas, German astronomer (1473-1543).

They ramble on about him for half a page, but when it comes to explaining around what, and why — nothing. Looks like the encyclopedia editors couldn't remember anything either. I saunter casually into my son's room, and place my warm hand upon his flaming locks.

"All right now?"

"No," says the brat. "Dad, you haven't got a clue!" He means me. I haven't got a clue. The bloody cheek! I raise my voice to quote the actor in that play: "Remember what Galileo told

his judges? And yet it does move!"

"Okay, so it moves," thus my son, "but not round the sun."

"Then round what? Round the cat?"

I'm beginning to sweat. My prestige is at stake! "Just a minute. Telephone," I shout quickly and hurry out. In a dark corner of the living room I surreptitiously call up Bruno, who is a biochemist or something.

"Listen," I whisper into the receiver, "how do we know that the earth revolves round the sun?"

A brief silence, then Bruno asks in a whisper why I am whispering. I say I'm hoarse, come on, why does it turn, eh?

"That's what we learnt at school," this biochemist stutters, "I think the four seasons prove

it... especially summer."

"Yeah," I scoff. "You'll get the same seasons if the lamp turns and the box stays put."

I ring up Dolly as well. She studied law once. She remembers something about "Fouchet's Pendulum" from her physics lessons. They hung it from a church tower somewhere, and it drew lines in the sand on the floor or something...

I'm beginning to sympathize with the inquisition. Here's this upstairs going around like a bloody town crier shouting: It moves! It moves!

"How do you know, sir?" "I can feel it in my bones." Like hell you can! And Fouchet, too! Just a lousy French cop! What's the matter with everybody? I creep

back to my study and the daily grind. Where's that eraser?

"Daddy!"

Redhead in the doorway.

"Well," he says, "so what's turning?"

A deep weariness comes over me. My back hurts too. You can't go on fighting all your life.

"Everything," I mumble, "everything turns..."

"So you say the sun goes round us?"

"They're still arguing about that. Anything's possible nowadays. We'll see."

I look at him and roar at the top of my voice:

"Pull up your socks!"

Bum!

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the Baby's Gone

Pesaro keeps pace with Real Madrid

Maccabi Tel Aviv in good shape as hoops championships takes break

SCAVOLINI Pesaro maintained a share of first place in the European Club Championships Group A with an 88-75 home defeat of Benfica Lisbon over the weekend.

Antonello Riva scored 22 points to lead the Italians to their fourth consecutive victory in the championships.

Benfica, which is winless in six attempts, played well to stay in the game, trailing only 41-38 at the half.

Jean Jacques Conceicao led Lisbon with 23 points.

Pesaro's only loss of the season came at the hands of Real Madrid, which defeated them 88-

75 in Spain.

Panathinaikos 65, Ljubljana 62 Zarko Paspalj scored 24 points to lead the Greeks to their third consecutive victory.

Visiting Panathinaikos, which trailed at the half 32-31, also got 15 points from Stojan Vankovic and 10 from Frangiskos Alvertis.

For Ljubljana, Dusan Hauptman netted 21 and Anthony Reed 11.

Real Madrid 73, PAOK Salonika 57 Real Madrid used a balanced attack to pull away in the second half in Greece.

Joe Arlauskas and Jose Antunez both scored 16 points, while Arvids Sabonis contributed 14 in Real's third straight victory after losing to Maccabi Tel Aviv in Yad Eliyahu.

PAOK, which was behind only 32-31 at the break, was paced by John Korfias with 15, while Bane Prelevic

BRIAN FREEMAN

notched 12.

GROUP B

Limoges 61, Badalona 56 (OT) Limoges won its third consecutive game to capture a share of first place in the group, sending the host Spaniards to yet another loss.

The game was a defensive struggle, as the French led 23-22 at the half and the score was knotted at 48-48 at the end of regulation.

Tim Kempton had 14 points and Richard Dacoury 13 to pace Limoges, the 1993 European champions.

Rafael and Tomas Jofresa both notched 13 for Badalona, the defending European champions who have yet to win a game in the final pool.

Barcelona 61, Efes Pilsen 53 Roy Fisher netted 22 points and Ferran Martinez 16 to help Barcelona

overcome a 30-26 halftime deficit.

The Turks were paced by Chris Corchiani and Volkan Aydin, who had 14 each. Ufuk Sarica contributed 13.

Bologna 72, Olympiakos 68 Visiting Olympiakos lost for the second straight game after opening the championships with four wins, despite a 25-point performance from Eddie Johnson.

Paolo Moretti pumped in 20 points to lead the Italians, who moved into a four-way tie for the top spot.

Group A				
	W	L	Pts	GB
1. Real Madrid	5	1	11	
2. Panathinaikos	4	2	10	
3. Maccabi Tel Aviv	4	2	10	
4. PAOK Salonika	3	3	9	
5. CSKA Moscow	3	3	9	
6. PAOK Salonika	2	4	8	
7. Olympiakos	2	4	8	
8. Benfica Lisbon	0	6	0	

Bayer Leverkusen 94, Cibona 84 Bayer Leverkusen jumped out to a 56-42 halftime advantage in Zagreb en route to its second straight win following four defeats at the start of the championships.

Thomas Garrick paced Leverkusen with 23 points, while Abdul Shams-Deen notched 20 and Hanning Harms 16.

For Cibona, Veljko Masic 19 and Gerode Abrams both netted 19, and Ivica Zuric had 17.

Championship play now takes a break until January 5.

Group B				
	W	L	Pts	GB
1. Limoges	5	1	11	
2. Barcelona	4	2	10	
3. Olympiakos	4	2	10	
4. Bologna	3	3	9	
5. Cibona Zagreb	3	3	9	
6. Efes Pilsen	3	3	9	
7. Bayer Leverkusen	2	4	8	
8. Juveturo Badalona	0	6	0	

Phoenix routs sloppy Knicks

PHOENIX (AP) — Danny Manning scored 17 of his 24 points in a 37-point third quarter as Phoenix shook off a chilly first half and raced to a 106-85 rout over turn-over-prone New York on Friday night.

The Suns had an 82-57 lead when the third quarter ended, and Charles Barkley put the game out of reach early in the fourth with a pair of layups.

Barkley was 5-for-5 in the second half and had 26 points, 12 rebounds and three steals when he left the game with 8:19 remaining and the Suns ahead 89-59.

Patrick Ewing had 15 points and 12 rebounds for the Knicks.

It was the Suns' fifth straight victory overall and 10th in a row at home, and allowed them to tie a two-season franchise record of 21 straight set from March 2, 1980, to November 30, 1980.

The Suns had 10 steals, contributing to 19 New York turnovers.

Bulls 85, Hawks 80 Scottie Pippen scored 22 points and B.J. Armstrong hit two key 15-footers in the final 3:46 of Chicago's win over host Atlanta.

The Bulls ended the Hawks' three-game home winning streak and kept Atlanta from scoring 100 points for the seventh consecutive game.

Chicago, trailing 63-55 with 3:51 left in the third quarter, used a 17-4 run to build a 72-67 lead on Pete Myers' steal and dunk with 9:09 remaining in the game. The lead changed hands three times before the Bulls went ahead for good, 79-78, on Bill Wennington's two free throws with 4:53 left.

Armstrong's two jumpers kept Atlanta, which was led by Mookie Blaylock with 21 points, at bay.

Cavaliers 84, Pacers 80 Terrell Brandon scored 15 points — including two crucial free throws with 16 seconds left — as Cleveland won its

fifth straight game, defeating host Philadelphia.

Mark Price, who has had recent back spasms and did not play in Wednesday night's victory over New Jersey, was kicked in the back during a melee under the Cavs' basket with 3:19 to play, and left the game with 14 points.

Tyrone Hill had 19 points and 14 rebounds for Cleveland, leading the Cavs' 46-31 rebounding edge in the game.

Dana Barros had a career-high 30 points for the 76ers, who have lost by an average of only 4.5 points in their last eight defeats.

Pacers 93, Hornets 91 Reggie Miller scored 22 points and hit two free throws with six seconds left, giving host Indiana the victory over Charlotte.

Magie 131, Warriors 128 (OT) Shaquille O'Neal scored 40 points and Antwan Anderson had a career-high 38, including a pair of free throws with 7.2 seconds left in overtime, as visiting Orlando defeated Golden State.

Golden State lost its ninth straight despite a season-high 40-point effort by Latrell Sprewell and Tim Hardaway's 22-assist, 15-point night.

Hardaway, whose 3-point basket with 24 seconds left in regulation forced the extra period, missed a desperation 3-pointer just before the overtime period expired.

O'Neal also grabbed 18 rebounds and Antwan Anderson had 13 assists.

Chris Gatling came off the bench to score a season-high 25 points for the Warriors, playing their second game with assistant coach Nelson coaching in place of his ailing father, Don Nelson, who is hospitalized in Oakland with viral pneumonia.

Timberwolves 94, Nets 93 Isaiah Rider converted a three-point play with two seconds left, and Minnesota snapped a 14-game home losing streak.

Rider, who held his own press conference Monday to respond to criticism from coach Bill Blair about his lack of leadership, sparked the Wolves with 27 points.

EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Atlantic Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	17	4	.810	—
New York	12	9	.571	4.5
Orlando	9	12	.429	8.5
Philadelphia	8	13	.381	9.5
New Jersey	8	15	.345	10.5
Washington	6	12	.333	12.5
Miami	6	14	.300	13.5

Central Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Indiana	14	8	.636	—
Cleveland	14	8	.636	—
Chicago	11	11	.500	3.5
Charlotte	11	10	.524	4.5
Atlanta	8	13	.381	7.5
Detroit	8	13	.381	7.5
Memphis	7	13	.350	8.5

WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Houston	18	7	.727	—
Utah	14	8	.636	—
Denver	10	8	.556	4.5
Dallas	10	8	.556	4.5
San Antonio	10	9	.524	5.5
Minnesota	4	17	.190	23.5

Pacific Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Phoenix	18	5	.783	—
L.A. Lakers	15	7	.682	2.5
Seattle	13	9	.591	4.5
Sacramento	11	9	.556	6.5
Portland	10	9	.524	7.5
Golden State	4	18	.222	23.5
L.A. Clippers	3	18	.143	24.5

NFL fans score with protest

Sports Channel to resume broadcasts

ARYEH DEAN COHEN

LOCAL football fans' goal-line stand to prevent NFL football from disappearing from the airwaves has paid off.

The broadcasts will be renewed by Sports Channel beginning this Tuesday night at 11:30 p.m. with the Monday Night Game of the Week — the Dallas Cowboys against the New Orleans Saints.

The weekly roundup of NFL action will return to its Friday night, 7 p.m. timeslot, with a repeat of the roundup broadcast at midnight Saturday.

Sports Channel officials said calls from anguished NFL fans, who complained about the games being suddenly kicked off the Sports Channel schedule, "definitely" helped turn the tide toward blowing the whistle on any plans for permanently relegating the NFL broadcasts to the sidelines.

Sports Channel officials said current plans call for "most" of the NFL playoffs to be broadcast, and "certainly" the Super Bowl. They said the schedule will be determined when the playoff schedule is finalized.

Eagles' QB, coach ponder future

Jimmy Johnson may take reigns in Philadelphia

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Randall Cunningham is a man preparing for a change of address while hoping he won't have to call the movers.

Bench by coach Rich Kotite in advance of today's crucial game with the New York Giants, the Philadelphia Eagles quarterback said he believes he won't be with the team after the season.

"I want to stay in Philadelphia, first of all," said Cunningham, who will be replaced by Bobby Brister. "But it doesn't seem like I'll be staying here now."

Cunningham dropped the names of several coaches and assistants as he talked about where he might play next year — including Buddy Ryan, his former coach with the Eagles, now in charge of the Arizona Cardinals.

"That would be a great thing," Cunningham said. "Buddy's got a great defense. He just needs somebody out there pulling the



THE TEACHER AND THE MEGASTAR — Coach Brad Gilbert (l) downplays his influence upon World No. 2 Andre Agassi. (AP)

'Agassi's a real down-to-earth, normal guy'

ANDRE Agassi — with his loudly colored socks, earring and flowing dyed locks — is definitely not your regular tennis player.

Add to this, fans wherever he goes and a stunning sidekick in the form of Brooke Shields while ex-flame Barbra Streisand wanders what went wrong, and you'll agree that the 24-year-old Agassi has revived the tennis world, long suffering from a dearth of colorful personalities.

"Andre's just a really down-to-earth, normal guy," says coach Brad Gilbert earnestly, on a recent visit to Israel. "He's a friendly guy who likes to do normal things like play golf, drive his car and listen to music."

Under Gilbert's guidance over the past six months, Agassi has vaulted to second spot in the world, behind Pete Sampras, with 51 wins against just 13 losses in 1994.

"Andre looks really serious and focused right now," says Gilbert. "And he's set himself some good goals. His backhand and return of serve are phenomenal. I think he's

got the best three years of his life ahead of him."

"You've got to have high goals because if your aims are too easy and you achieve them, you become too relaxed in your brain."

Gilbert modestly shrugs off the credit Agassi has showered on him. After taking the Paris Open championships, Agassi said, "Brad has me very directed and focused. It just feels like a whole different ballgame."

When it was suggested that Gilbert is part coach, part psychologist, the 33-year-old pooh-poos the idea. "I know Sabatini and Sanchez Vicario are plugging [psychologist] Jim Lairs but I've never heard the big guys like Pete [Sampras], Andre or Courier talk about therapy."

"Andre and I discuss applying his strategy, how to break down the opponent, his strengths and weaknesses and analyze what

he wants to happen so sometimes it gets a little psychological. But it's a battle out there and you've got to be prepared for it, to make it happen."

Inconsistency has dogged Agassi's career. His year-end rankings have wavered from 25 in 1987, third in '88, ninth in '92 (when he won Wimbledon) to 24 last year when a recurrent wrist injury limited him to just 13 tournaments.

This year he became the first player ever to move from outside the top 20 to No. 2 in the same year while he was only the third unseeded player to win the US Open — his first US title — in its 114-year history.

How has Agassi become this megastar, attracting hordes of fans and creating an atmosphere echoing a Brazilian soccer game?

"He has a magnetism, he's got *shick*," comments Gilbert. "I don't know what it is

— his luck or his presence or people's perception of him, but if he couldn't back up what he does with his tennis, the public wouldn't have taken to him. Maybe if Courier had an earring and grew his hair long, the people would have the same feel for him too," he jokes.

"He doesn't consciously map out his image. He doesn't say to himself 'What should I trendset next?'"

"Agassi humors his multitudes of fans. He has a very good temperament about it and handles it all well, never hiding from it. Recently in Washington after losing in the first round, it was midnight and I was desperate to leave. But 150 kids were waiting outside for his autograph and he signed for every one. I learned a lot about his personality that night."

Gilbert is unwilling to discuss Agassi's personal life. "I'll just say that Brooke is a very nice woman. Hell, I have enough problems with my own wife — why should I want to know what he's doing too?"

TODAY

CHANNEL 5 (unconfirmed)

7:00 Bodies in motion 16:00 Bodies in motion 16:30 Motor racing 17:00 Israeli soccer special 18:00 European Cup basketball 18:30 Golf and a half 20:00 Bushido 20:30 College basketball 22:00 Argentine league soccer 23:30 Volleyball 00:30 (to be announced)

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8:30 Aerobics 10:00 Alpine skiing highlights 11:15 Live men's alpine skiing 12:15 Live women's alpine skiing 13:00 Freestyle skiing 14:00 Live men's alpine skiing 14:30 Live women's alpine skiing 15:00 Live ski jumping 17:00 Live luge 19:00 Live Brazilian league soccer 21:00 Golf from Jamaica 23:00 Karling 00:00 Alpine skiing 1:00 Bowling

PRIME SPORTS

8:00 Golf from Jamaica 8:30 Table tennis 10:30 Motor racing 11:00 International sports magazine 12:00 Cycling 13:00 Golf 15:30 Table tennis 17:30 Sailing 18:00 Winter Olympic highlights 18:30 Live golf from Jamaica 21:00 Motor racing 23:00 Cycling 23:30 Sailing 23:00 Table tennis 1:30 Aerobics

MONDAY DECEMBER 19

CHANNEL 5 (unconfirmed)

7:00 Bodies in motion 16:00 Bodies in motion 16:30 Basketball 18:00 Argentine league soccer 19:30 Israeli basketball 20:00 Bushido 20:30 Brazilian league soccer 22:00 National Basketball League round-

up 00:00 Volleyball

EUROSPORT

8:30 Aerobics 10:00 Golf 11:00 Show jumping 12:00 Figure skating 13:00 Alpine skiing 15:00 Ski jumping 16:00 Karling 17:30 Motor racing 18:30 Brazilian league soccer 20:30 European news 21:00 Speed world 23:00 Eurogolf 00:30 Bowling 1:30 Eurogolf 2:30 Eurosport news

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8:30 International sports magazine 7:30 Motor racing 8:00 Golf 10:00 Winter Olympic highlights 11:00 Cycling 12:00 Aerobics 12:30 Talking baseball 13:00 Golf highlights 14:00 Golf from Jamaica 16:00 Squash 17:00 Water sports magazine 18:00 Winter Olympic highlights 19:00 Talking baseball 19:30 Golf highlights 20:30 Squash 21:30 Cycling 22:30 Golf from Jamaica 00:30 Water sports magazine 1:30 Aerobics

TUESDAY DECEMBER 20

CHANNEL 5

7:00 Bodies in motion 16:00 Bodies in motion 16:30 Israeli basketball 17:00 Soccer 18:30 Premier League soccer highlights 19:30 Daily roundup 20:00 Bushido 20:30 College basketball 22:00 Brazilian league soccer 23:00 Great moments in volleyball

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8:30 Aerobics 10:00 Eurogolf 11:00 Alpine skiing highlights 12:00 Live women's alpine skiing 13:00 Live men's alpine skiing 14:00 Live women's alpine skiing 15:00 Live men's alpine skiing 16:00 Freestyle skiing 17:00 Eurosport news 21:00 Bowling 23:00 Motor racing 00:00 Karling 1:00 Show jumping 2:00 Eurosport news

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8:30 Golf from Florida 8:30 Mondial 9:00

Eurosport news 21:00 European tennis magazine 22:00 European soccer magazine 23:00 Soccer 1:00 Snooker: Stephen Hendry v John Parrot 2:00 Eurosport news

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WEDNESDAY DEC 21

CHANNEL 5

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END OF A STREAK - Nottingham Forest striker Stan Collymore scores a goal by Manchester United defenders Gary Pallister (left) and Dennis Irwin Old Trafford yesterday. (AP)

Nottingham Forest ends United's home win streak

LONDON (Reuters) - Nottingham Forest striker Stan Collymore finally ended Manchester United's proud defensive record yesterday when he became the first player in more than eight months to score a Premier League goal at Old Trafford.

To rub salt into the wound, Stuart Pearce rammed home another long-range shot via a deflection in the second half. Eric Cantona pulled one back but Forest clung on through desperate defense to win 2-1, United's first home loss of the season.

League leaders Blackburn failed to take full advantage of United's defeat, held to a goalless draw away to second from bottom Leicester.

It left Blackburn on 43 points after 19 matches, two ahead of United with early season leaders Newcastle five points adrift of the leaders after another goalless draw at Coventry.

Collymore, reportedly a transfer target for United manager Alex Ferguson, prised open the Manchester defense 35 minutes into the match with a left-footed drive from outside the penalty area that rocketed into the top left-hand corner of the net.

It was the first Premier League goal scored by a player from the Midlands since 1992.

PREMIER LEAGUE: Arsenal 1, Leeds 3; Coventry 0, Newcastle 0; Crystal Palace 0, Norwich 1; Everton 0, Tottenham 0; Leicester 0, Blackburn 0; Manchester United 1, Nottingham Forest 2; Sheffield Wednesday 0, Queens Park Rangers 2; West Ham 3, Manchester City 0.

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goal conceded by United at Old Trafford in 12 games and 1,135 minutes of play since Graeme Sharp scored for Oldham on April 4.

Leicester manager Mark McGhee's reign at Filbert Street started with his new team's first clean sheet in the Premier League as they held visiting Blackburn to a draw.

It was a brave defensive display by Leicester, with new captain Colin Hill and recalled Jimmy Willis playing inspired football at the heart of their defense, cancel-

DIVISION ONE: Bolton 3, Grimsby 3; Charlton 2, Oldham 0; Derby 1, Barnsley 0; Notts County 0, Portsmouth 1; Port Vale 2, Swindon 2; Southend 0, Millwall 1; Sunderland 2, Bristol City 0; Tranmere 0, Stoke 1; Watford 0, Sheffield United 0.

DIVISION TWO: Birmingham 2, Leyton Orient 0; Bradford 1, Chester 1; Brentford 7, Plymouth 0; Brighton 1, Swansea 1; Bristol Rovers 3, Peterborough 1; Cardiff 1, Stockport 1; Huddersfield 1, Blackpool 1; Hull 3, Oxford United 1.

Scottish Premier Division

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Hearts 17 11 3 3 31 13 36

Other Scottish teams

ing out the deadly striking partnership of Alan Shearer and Chris Sutton.

Leeds' South African striker Phil Masinga fired a double to ruin Arsenal's hopes of providing a boost for under-fire manager George Graham, accused earlier in the week of accepting money illegally in a transfer deal.

The visitors ended 3-1 winners and Arsenal were jeered off the pitch by their own fans.

Masinga, who had scored only once since joining Leeds at the start of the season, burst through on a Gary Speed pass to put them ahead in the 24th minute.

Leeds impressively soaked up pressure to frustrate the home side, who were reduced to sending on center-half Andy Linighan as a substitute striker.

Tony Cottee grabbed his first hat-trick for West Ham for almost eight years as they beat Manchester City 3-0 and moved clear of the relegation zone.

DIVISION THREE: Exeter 0, Darlington 2; Barnsley 3, Barry 1; Preston 1, Barnet 0; Rochdale 2, Gillingham 1; Scarborough 1, Carlisle 2; Torquay 2, Lincoln 1; Walsall 4, Hereford 3; Wigan 1, Fulham 1.

Other Division Three teams

Other Division Three teams

Herzliya shocks Beersheba

Hap. PT takes over top spot as Betar falls to Mac. Haifa

ORI LEWIS and DEREK FATTAL

HAPOEL Petah Tikva took over the top spot in the National League yesterday for the first time this season, making them the fifth leaders in the last five rounds of action.

Previous leaders Hapoel Beersheba were beaten by bottom club Maccabi Herzliya in the upset of the weekend, while Betar Jerusalem lost 3-2 to Maccabi Haifa in a thrilling encounter at Teddy Stadium.

In the Second Division, Maccabi Jaffa have a commanding seven-point lead at the top of the standings after a 2-0 win at home over Hapoel Ramat Gan.

1st. Jerusalem 2, Mac. Haifa 3
Haim Revivo, fresh from his excellent performance in the national color, made all the difference in this match, the highlight of the day's action.

A crowd of 11,000 was on hand at Teddy Stadium to watch a thrilling fast-paced match. Revivo opened the scoring just before halftime with a shot from 22 meters out after the Betar defense failed to clear a Haifa corner.

Sergei Kandrakov made it 2-0 in the 49th minute when he slotted home a Revivo pass from the left.

But Betar were not to be outdone. Eli Ohana made it 2-1 in the 58th minute and Hungarian Stefan Salaj leveled the score at 2-2 in the 66th minute after having previously hit the post twice.

But this was to be Revivo's day, and he scored the winner 15 minutes from time. The loss meant that Betar failed to capture the league leadership, but their fanatical supporters could at least be contented with having watched a great spectacle.

Mac. Herzliya 1, Hap. Beersheba 0
Beersheba were toppled from the league leadership by bottom-placed Maccabi Herzliya.

The visitors from the south held the advantage for most of the match, but a lone goal by Yossi Madar in the 69th minute gave Herzliya three much-needed points in the attempt to avoid relegation.

Beersheba's cause was done no

good at all when their most influential player, Victor Moroz, had to be substituted in the second half through injury.

Ironi Rishon 0, Hap. PT 1
Petah Tikva's win, coupled with Beersheba's loss, gave the league leadership to a rather one-sided match.

Oren Mubater struck the winner in the 31st minute when he beat Rishon's offside trap and struck the ball low and wide of Sav Elimelech in the Rishon goal.

The hosts' Eli Marciano was shown the red card in the second half.

Mac. PT 0, Mac. Tel Aviv 1
The one inspired move in this dreary affair resulted in a second-minute winning goal and celebrations for Tel Aviv's Ben Luz, in his first full-team appearance.

Luz started the move deep in his own territory, and was on hand in the Petah Tikva box to supply the finishing touch, as he collected a headed pass and blasted home from close range with the defense totally exposed.

The Tel Avivians were without the services of captain Nir Klinger and four other regulars due to suspensions and injury. The youngsters drafted in their place played relatively well but were seldom tested by the Petah Tikvians, who despite a fair share of possession failed to register any serious assault on Alexander Obarov's goal.

Matters worsened for Petah Tikva manager Shaye Feigenbaum when Raz Rabinovich received his marching orders 10 minutes after the restart for his second booking of the match.

Bnei Yehuda 3, Zahirim Holon 2
The hosts looked to be heading for defeat after Holon took a 2-0 lead into the break, but this turned out to be a game of two halves.

Assaf Tubi scored twice for Holon, the first a header in the sixth minute after three consecutive corners, while the second came on the stroke of halftime.

Tubi was at the spearhead of the Holon attack as Bnei Yehuda looked in poor form. Earlier in the half, Tubi put the ball in the net for a third time but was adjudged offside.

The second half saw a much-improved Bnei Yehuda side get back into the match almost immediately.

BASEBALL NOTES

● Jack McDowell, one of baseball's best pitchers and soon to become a free agent, was traded by the Chicago White Sox to the New York Yankees for a minor league pitcher and a player to be named.

The 28-year-old right-hander, the 1993 AL Cy Young Award winner, was 10-9 last season with a 3.73 ERA. He was among the American League leaders in innings, strikeouts, complete games and shutouts.

● Lee Smith, baseball's career saves leader, has agreed to terms of a two-year contract with the California Angels.

Smith, 37, led the majors with 33 saves for Baltimore in the strike-shortened 1994 season. He had a 3.29 ERA, a 1-4 record, and 42 strikeouts in 38 1-3 innings in his only year with the Orioles.

● Gregg Jefferies, the leading hitter on the St. Louis Cardinals last season, signed a \$20 million, four-year contract with the Philadelphia Phillies.

● Danny Jackson and Tom Henke have signed with the St. Louis Cardinals, strengthening one of the worst pitching staffs in the National League. Jackson has a career mark of 107-109 with a 3.77 ERA.

Henke was hampered by back problems last season but led the Texas Rangers with 15 saves in 21 opportunities. Overall, he was 3-6 with a 3.79 ERA in 37 games.

● Hal Morris resigned with the Cincinnati Reds for \$3.3 million, meaning that Kevin Mitchell is likely through with the team.

Morris, 29, led the Reds in hitting (.335) and five other categories this year. He has batted .300 or better in four of his five seasons with Cincinnati.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

After 13 rounds

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hap. Petah Tikva	7	3	3	20	15	24
Mac. Tel Aviv	7	2	4	25	17	23
Bnei Yehuda	6	5	2	25	17	23
Mac. Haifa	6	5	2	25	17	23
Hap. Tel Aviv	6	5	2	25	17	23
Hap. Beersheba	6	4	3	24	17	22
Bet. Jerusalem	6	3	4	21	14	21
Hap. Bet She'an	5	4	4	13	18	18
Mac. Petah Tikva	3	6	4	19	15	15
Mac. Netanya	3	6	4	19	15	15
Rishon LeZion	3	6	4	19	15	15
Bet. Tel Aviv	4	2	7	15	24	14
Hap. Haifa	3	3	7	20	24	12
Ironi Rishon	3	3	7	15	24	12
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SPORTS BRIEFS

Tagliabue against NFL teams moving

THE National Football League wants all its teams to stay where they are. That was the word yesterday from commissioner Paul Tagliabue, who spent most of an hour-long conference call answering questions about the possible moves of the Los Angeles Rams to St. Louis, the Tampa Bay Buccaneers to Baltimore and the Raiders ... somewhere out of the Los Angeles Coliseum.

AP

Baaltaksas win better ball stableford tourney

BARUCH and Boaz Baaltaksas won the better ball stableford tournament yesterday at the Caesarea Golf Club. The father and son combination had a score of 46 stableford points, 10 better than par.

Three teams finished with 44 points. Michael Bardugo and Eli Segov won second place with the best back nine score. Jules Cuperneck and Albert Elias took third, while another father/son combination - Matti and Guy Geri - captured fourth place.

The Coca Cola league came to an exciting conclusion, as Herzliya/Kfar Shmaryahu "D" beat out Ra'anana/Kfar Sava by 0.4 points.

Steve Weil

Oklahoma hires Schnellenberger as coach

OKLAHOMA turned to a builder of college football programs to return the Sooners to prominence, hiring Howard Schnellenberger to replace Gary Gibbs over the weekend.

Schnellenberger led the University of Miami over five years from the brink of extinction to a national title in 1983.

In 10 years at Louisville he won nearly half his games and took the Cardinals to two bowl games. That was a program that in the decade before his arrival had only two winning seasons.

AP

Australian boat eligible for America's Cup

AN international yachting jury ruled over the weekend that a controversial Australian boat is eligible to race in the 1995 America's Cup.

America's Cup trustee San Diego Yacht Club contended that Australia's Southern Cross Yacht Club built three boats for the competition, which violated a rule limiting competitors to two new boats. The San Diego club further argued that Southern Cross attempted to circumvent the rule by selling its first boat to the rival Australian Yacht Club, in effect forming a super America's Cup syndicate.

But the five-man jury found that the clubs were separate entities and neither had built more than two new boats.

Kibbutznik held for hammering wife to death

AMIR ROZENBLIT

A RESIDENT of Kibbutz Ma-shabel Sadeh is suspected of killing his wife by hitting her on the head with a hammer during an argument Friday.

At about 1 p.m. Friday, Mali Dillard, 28, returned home from work as a kindergarten teacher. Her husband, Eric, 35, who was injured in a work accident a few months ago and had just returned home on Thursday after rehabilitation, began a shouting match that became violent.

During the brawl, Eric allegedly hit his wife on the head with a hammer a few times, and she collapsed within a few minutes. Eric then called a friend and asked him to alert police.

Police said they entered the home and found Mali Dillard on the floor and her bewildered husband repeating: "What have I done? What have I done?" The kibbutz doctor arrived and declared Mali dead.

Eric Dillard was brought to the Dimona police station, where po-

lice said he asked to be arrested. The Dillards moved to the kibbutz 10 years ago, responding to a campaign to boost the number of residents. They have three children, ages 2, 8, and 11. A social worker was brought to the kibbutz to care for the family's children.

A kibbutz spokesman said Mali had never complained about abuse or violent behavior by her husband. However, people who know Dillard said he was "a violent type."

A kibbutz member said the couple may have fought because Mali was opposed to her husband coming home, believing he was in need of more treatment.

The suspect has no criminal record. He is due to be remanded this morning.

Members of the Negev kibbutz expressed shock and disbelief at the murder. A meeting was held on Friday night to calm the residents and help them deal with the tragedy.

Turkey proved path to freedom for Syrian, Iraqi Jews

BATSHEVA TSUR

TURKEY has allowed 125,000 Syrian and Iraqi Jews to cross through its territory to freedom over the years, a Turkish Jewish leader revealed this weekend.

The Ankara government turned a blind eye to the fact that the Jews left their places of birth without passports, Arri Ozalvo said.

He was speaking Thursday night at the festive opening of an exhibition of photographs and documents pertaining to 500 years of Turkish-Jewish life in the Ottoman Empire, at Beit Hasefsoth in Tel Aviv.

The exhibition was opened by Turkish Ambassador Onur Gokce, who was instrumental in bringing it to the museum. It was donated by the Quincentennial Foundation, an association of Turkish Jews and non-Jews that in 1992 organized national celebrations in Turkey to mark 500 years of coexistence between Moslems and Jews under the Ottomans.

The first recorded Jewish presence in Turkey goes back to the fourth century BCE, Gokce pointed out. Of the Chaldeans, where Abraham originated, is in the south of today's Turkey, he noted.

After the expulsion from Spain, the fleeing Sephardi Jews found a new and lasting home in the Ottoman Empire, where they were welcomed and permitted to conduct a rich religious and secular life.

Over the centuries, the Ottomans also took in persecuted Polish and Russian Jews. Gokce said, and in World War II, Turkey was a refuge for German Jews fleeing the Nazis.

The benevolent attitude of the Ottoman rulers was to their benefit. "Spain was impoverished while Turkey was enriched," the ambassador said, noting that many of the court physicians and diplomats had been Jews.

Former Israeli ambassador Mordechai Arbel also recalled the efforts of the Turks to save Jews during the Holocaust. The Turkish consul in Paris had saved Jews from the death camps by intervening with the Nazis and getting trains bound for the camps rerouted to Istanbul, he said. The consul in Marseilles had similarly saved Jews.

Turkey was the third country to recognize Israel after it declared independence, and was the first Moslem nation to do so, the speakers noted.



Rally driver Ram Solomon gives an admirer a hug during a meeting Friday with children who have diabetes. Solomon spoke about how to deal with diabetes from his own experience.

Histadrut refuses any change in COL increase

MICHAL YUDELMAN

SENIOR Histadrut officials, led by Trade Union Section Chairman MK Amir Peretz, said they will not sign the "package deal" with the Treasury if the latter insists on eliminating the cost-of-living increase or part of it.

The announcement came following the 1.3% rise in the Consumer Price Index for November, which was announced Thursday.

Peretz noted that the COL increase to be paid wage-earners with their February salaries, estimated at 2.9%, compensates the workers for only 45% of the price hikes that have already occurred.

Histadrut Chairman Haim Ramon said at the opening of the talks with the Treasury last week that if inflation exceeds 11%, the Histadrut will demand complete compensation. Given November's index rise, inflation will reach 14% this year, Histadrut economists estimated.

Ramon rejected all the Tre-

sury's demands at that meeting, and insisted that a social-economic pact be signed between the Histadrut, government and manufacturers, consisting of an added credit point for married working women, to compensate for the higher health insurance fees they will be paying; a reduction in the work week from 45 to 42 hours, updating the minimum wages, and other elements.

However, Ramon has stated that the COL increase is not sacred, hinting that in exchange for his other demands he might agree to reduce it, as the Treasury is demanding.

Labor's Histadrut faction issued a statement claiming that the workers are the first victims of inflation and must be compensated for the price hikes. The statement said that "the index rise is proof that on no account must we renounce the COL raise as part of any package deal."

Compromise on labor council firings

MICHAL YUDELMAN

THE Histadrut leadership agreed to reduce the number of layoffs among labor council workers from 700 to 620, in a compromise reached with the workers' union over the weekend. Consequently, 490 workers will be fired and 130 will retire voluntarily.

Following the agreement, the workers' representatives called off the demonstration planned for today at Histadrut headquarters. A similar protest last Sunday became violent, when the demonstrators stormed the Histadrut corridors and broke down

the doors of Chairman Haim Ramon's bureau and the executive meeting hall with a wooden bar.

The Histadrut spokesman said yesterday that the 490 letters of dismissal will not be sent out today, as scheduled, but only on December 31. She added that if additional workers opt for voluntary retirement, their number will be deducted from those to be dismissed.

Terms of retirement are the remaining bone of contention between the Histadrut leadership and the labor council workers.

Weizmans to leave for three-day visit to Egypt

BATSHEVA TSUR

PRESIDENT Ezer Weizman will discuss ways of advancing the peace process with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak during his three-day visit to Egypt, which begins tomorrow.

Four meetings are planned between the two presidents, two of them tete-a-tete, presidential bureau head Arye Shumer said over the weekend. During Weizman's visit, a date is expected to be set for Mubarak to visit Israel.

Weizman, an architect of the

Camp David Accords, will be carrying messages from Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres.

Weizman has paid 25 visits to Egypt and built up considerable confidence with his Egyptian interlocutors. He also views Egypt, the first Arab country to make peace, as a role model for other countries in the region.

During the talks, Weizman plans to raise the question of regional cooperation against terrorism. Bilateral talks will also cover the issue of IDF soldiers missing on Egyptian soil.

Weizman will hold talks with Egyptian cabinet ministers, including the prime minister, the ministers of defense, foreign affairs, culture and information, the speaker of the parliament and presidential adviser Osama el-Baz. He will meet with top military brass, parliamentarians and the Egyptian press corps, visit the el-Haram Strategic Studies Institute and industrial enterprises.

The Syrian ambassador to Cairo is among the 300 guests invited by Weizman to attend a reception he will host for Mubarak. The Egyptian president, for his part,

will hold a state dinner in honor of the Weizmans, to which 100 guests have been invited.

The visit, it is hoped, will give renewed impetus to cultural and academic ties, tourism and telecommunications, Shumer said. Means of improving the transfer of persons and goods across the border will likewise be discussed.

As a special gesture, Renana Weizman will be accompanied by Susanna Mubarak on part of the tour. At an institute for the blind, Mrs. Weizman will present the Egyptians with a Braille device that types in Arabic, developed at Kibbutz Ga'ash.

Shas accepts Peres's apology for King David remarks

Jerusalem Post Staff

FOREIGN Minister Shimon Peres on Friday apologized to the leaders of two religious parties for criticizing King David in a Knesset debate earlier this week.

Peres said Wednesday that he did not approve of all of King David's actions "on the ground, [or] on the roofs," the latter being a reference to the story of his affair with Bathsheba.

The National Religious Party, United Torah Judaism and Molechet submitted motions of no-confidence to protest the remarks.

In an apparent attempt at reconciliation, Peres sent a letter of apology to the Shas and Agudat Israel parties Friday, Israel Television said.

"I had no intention of insult that which is holy to Israel, or of causing grief to rabbis and those loyal to Israel's heritage," the television quoted Peres's letter as saying.

Despite the letter, the three parties have not yet rescinded

their no-confidence motion. But religious questions have also arisen about the propriety of presenting the motion. MK Avraham Ravitz (United Torah Judaism) said: "We filed the motion on Wednesday without asking or consulting with the Torah sages, because it was the best time, when we were thinking about it," he said.

However, when MKs discussed the matter Thursday and consulted their rabbinic authorities, halachic doubts arose about whether a matter as sensitive as King David could be raised, when it was clear there would be MKs who would exploit the discussion to again "cast aspersions on the Sweet Psalmist of Israel."

The rabbis are expected to rule today on the matter, Ravitz said, adding that Peres's letter had

been written solely to clear his name.

However, Shas MKs said they accepted the apology, and will not support the no-confidence motion if it is presented.

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FBI probes sabotage of Tower Air jets

MARILYN HENRY
NEW YORK

FIVE jumbo jets belonging to Tower Air were sabotaged last month at Kennedy Airport when vandals tampered with vital wiring systems. The FBI is investigating.

Safety was not compromised because the problems were detected before the five Boeing 747s took off, Morris Nachtoni, chairman of Tower, said Friday in a statement.

Tower runs eight flights a week to Israel as well as flights to India, Paris, Amsterdam, Athens and Rome. It also has several domestic and Latin American routes. Tower Air refused to identify the destinations of the five jets. The company declined to provide any additional information.

The sabotage, which occurred the first week in November, was discovered during routine pre-flight checks.

"The dials in the cockpit were giving off crazy readings," a federal investigator told *Newsday*, which broke the story in its Friday edition. "They knew there was something very wrong with the plane and it shouldn't be flown."

The sources said that if the sabotage had not been discovered before takeoff, the false readings could have misled the pilot and caused a disaster. The planes that were damaged can seat as many as 400 passengers.

In an interview with the *Jerusalem Post*, an FBI spokesman said his agency was investigating what he characterized as vandalism.

He also said the investigation began in late November, which indicates that Tower may have delayed reporting the sabotage to authorities.

Sources told *Newsday* that terrorism had not been ruled out. Judging from the nature of the damage, it seemed clear that the offender was familiar with jets and could possibly be a disgruntled employee.

There are more than 100 miles of wires that operate the 747's internal systems. "With all the wires in there, it's not always easy to find the wires that were cut," the investigator told *Newsday*.

Four of the planes were repaired and took off later the same day, officials said. But one plane was so badly damaged that more time was needed to fix it.

At Kennedy on Friday, newspapers carrying the story were hot commodities in the Tower terminal area, although passengers seemed to take the report in stride. "I put my faith in God," one told a New York radio station, "and the people who inspect the planes."

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